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## Israeli ambassador speaks in Kulas Rabinovich discusses "road to peace" between Israelis and Arabs

Joe Wholley

Assistant News Editor

Itamar Rabinovich, ambassador of Israel to the United States, spoke in Kulas Auditorium last week about the troubles and obstacles that Israel has faced on the road to peace with the Arabs.

The first topic which Rabinovich discussed was the death of the former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"It is still an open wound for all of us," said Rabinovich. "Formally, the mourning period will end when 30 days has passed, but as a state, we will continue to grapple with the consequences."

The ambassador then discussed the Israeli-Arab conflict. He explained that several goals were achieved over the last few years which have contributed to the furthering of peace in the Middle East. One of the goals was the formation of a framework to face the conflicts at hand. Another goal was peace made with Jordan and the September peace

accord with Palestine. The outcome of the Middle East economic conference is also being considered a move ahead, he said.

"The fact that it took place was a step forward," said Rabinovich. "The second economic conference produced concrete results."

He said two more economic conferences are already planned for 1996 and 1997.

The next point that Rabinovich touched on is the need for peace between Israel and Syria.

"There is still potential for war with Syria," Rabinovich said. "Israel enjoys a major advantage over Syria, but we would rather not display it. Huge damages and many injuries would be the outcome."

Rabinovich stated that Syria is the key to Lebanon's signing of the peace agreement. Lebanon will not sign a peace agreement without Syria.

"Once Syria makes peace with Israel, it will be joined with several other Arab states," said Rabinovich. "This group could put

an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Rabinovich said that for peace between Syria and Israel to take place, certain demands on both sides must be met.

"Syria wants to make peace with Israel on its own terms only, and that is not good enough," said Rabinovich. "A general agreement needs compromise and the mode of negotiation is important."

Rabinovich said that he hopes an American team of delegates that is going to the Middle East will find new angles to move the process forward.

Rabinovich also stated that he would rather have Palestine as an entity and less than a state. This would be less than the Palestinians were hoping for. The Palestinians have made it clear that they want to go through the agreement paces and end up with a state. The ambassador stated that there will be give-and-take on certain issues with the Palestinians and on other issues there will be no negotiation. **see ISRAEL, page 3**

## Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la...



Members of choir practice for the Christmas Carroll Eve concert to be held in Kulas Auditorium Saturday at 8 p.m.

## Eating disorders discussed at presentation

Joe Wholley

Assistant News Editor

According to a pamphlet distributed by the JCU Wellness Program, eating disorders affect an estimated 20 percent of females between the ages of 13 and 40. The National Institute of Mental Health has estimated that 5 million American women suffer from an eating disorder. The Eating Disorders Awareness Evening was held last week addressing the problems and difficulties associated with anorexia and bulimia.

According to Nancy Taylor, director of the JCU Wellness Program, bulimia constitutes recurrent episodes of binge eating, eating large amounts of food and having a sense of lack of control over eating during the episode.

"One thing that people are most scared about is the fear of being out of control," said Taylor.

"Bulimics are preoccupied with food, their bodies, self image or self worth. They have a distorted view in which they feel that self worth comes from the way they look."

Taylor defined anorexia as a condition occurring in many young women that is marked by eating little and over-exercising.

"Anorexics do not know what thin is and when they are thin enough," said Taylor. "An anorexic could be extremely thin and look like a Holocaust victim but still think they look like they are fat."

Erica Karlinsky, clinical psychologist, the evening's first speaker, explained that eating disorders can occur for several reasons, one of the more common reasons deals with overachievers.

"Parents that have high expectations for their children are often causing their children to become

overachievers," said Karlinsky. "Their children then learn to hold high expectations for themselves. They want everything to be perfect, including their body, and they feel that they can turn to an eating disorder to achieve their goal, which is the perfect body."

Karlinsky explained that fashion and trends tend to determine what the perfect body looks like. "Seventeen Magazine shows girls with tiny waists," said Karlinsky. "Their message to their audience, which consists mainly of young girls is 'This is what you should look like.'"

Ellen Rome, M.D., the second speaker at the talk, said that many people only practice an eating disorder for one or two months and then stop.

Rome said that if the practice of an eating disorder lasts longer than two or three months, the person with the disorder will most likely need the help and support of others to break away from the problem.

Rome and Karlinsky both expressed the importance of seeking help from family, friends and experts when battling an eating disorder.

"Most who recover from a serious eating disorder have sought the help of a team of counselors, therapists, physicians and/or dietitians," Rome said. "Of the ones who make it to medical attention, one-third get better and live normally, one-third recover but always have body image issues or food issues where food disorder is not a problem but a worry, and the **see DISORDERS, page 3**

## Little sibs invited to JCU

Amy Kerner  
Staff Reporter

RHA's plan to sponsor the first Little Sib's Weekend in three years was approved last week by Fr. Richard P. Salmi, S.J., vice president of student affairs.

Little Sibs weekend provides an opportunity for siblings of on-campus students, ages 12 and under, to visit the Carroll campus and get a sense for what college life is like, said Jeff Becherer, vice president of RHA. The young visitors can be siblings, cousins, nieces or nephews.

The event is planned for the weekend of Feb. 24-25, 1996. Little sibs will arrive on Saturday morning and events will be planned throughout the day to entertain the children, said Marc Walrod, committee chair.

Some of the activities RHA is planning include a puppet show, clowns, face painting, an exhibit from Sea World, a moonwalk, caricatures, a dance, arts and crafts and campus tours, including tours of the television and radio studios, the Carroll News office and the science labs.

"Everything is still tentative," said Walrod. "We're in the process of confirming things now."

The activities conclude Sunday with a children's mass and brunch.

"Everyone in the university is extremely excited about the weekend," said Walrod.

To cover for the weekend's expenses, RHA has been eliciting funds from different departments as well as using their own budget to pay for some of the costs.

"Most likely we'll only charge \$20-25 per sibling to cover meals, activities, and a t-shirt," Walrod said.

"This has the possibility of being very good, but also turning bad," Walrod said. "It's just a matter of trying to address the issues that caused the weekend to be canceled a few years ago."

"We've had trouble in the past with Little Sibs Weekend," said Salmi. "There has been abuse of alcohol by both students and siblings."

Donna Byrnes, director of residence life, pointed out some other concerns they have dealt with in the past.

"The weekend became such a tradition that some parents sent their kids whether the students wanted them coming or not," Byrnes said. This led to the problem of irresponsibility on the part of the students and siblings not being properly supervised, she said.

Byrnes is supporting RHA and the weekend, but she said, "It doesn't matter how well the weekend is planned, if JCU students don't see it as their responsibility to monitor and entertain their younger brothers and sisters, it won't work."

Salmi also supports the weekend and said that bringing little brothers and sisters up to JCU is a good idea. The question he poses, however, is, "Can we do it in a way that is responsible and mature?"

Some precautions will be taken in an effort to ensure that this year **see SIBS, page 3**

### Fast Facts:

### The Numbers on Eating Disorders

One in every 100 males suffers from an eating disorder.

An Estimated 20% of females between the ages of 13 and 40 years suffer from an eating disorder.

The National Institute of Mental Health has estimated 5 million American women suffer from an eating disorder.

When asked about weight 90% of females identify themselves as overweight.

Source: The Deadly Diet © 1993 Graphic: James Auriochio



## Kiefer play receives positive reviews

Carolyn Sprague  
Staff Reporter

With the completion of its debut performance at the Court Theater in Los Angeles, CA, Nancy Kiefer's play, "The Illustrated Woman," is being heralded in American Theater magazine, and Kiefer has been called an "Extraordinary New Playwright."

Kiefer, JCU communications professor, said her agent is now looking to sell the play's rights for television or for a movie. Yet, she added, she is "not sitting around waiting for the call."

"The Illustrated Woman" is about sexual abuse and multiple personality disorder. Kiefer combined these two subjects because she said the topics are related.

"It's not uncommon for people of prolonged sexual abuse to develop multiple personality disorder," she said. "It's an ingenious defense mechanism to keep going."

It was Kiefer's interest in multiple personality disorder that encouraged her to write "The Illustrated Woman."

"I have always been intrigued by the concept of multiple personality disorder," said Kiefer. "I write plays about things that fascinate me."

Kiefer attributes her interest in play writing to her family background. "My father's side of the family was always highly involved in theater," she said. "It may be innate or genetic." Her brother is also a playwright and her sister is an actress.

While Kiefer writes poetry, novels and short stories, she said that ten years ago she found her interest in plays. "Playwriting is my art, my medium, my means of self-expression."

Many of Kiefer's ideas come from what she reads. "At any given time I read about 10 books," said Kiefer. "Having been an avid reader, I have come across many things that fascinate and intrigue me, and encourage me to write."

While Kiefer always finds time to read, she only writes plays over the summer and over breaks. "I



A scene from the west coast premiere of "The Illustrated Woman" by Nancy Kiefer.

try to write at least one full-length play per year," Kiefer said.

The title, "The Illustrated Woman," is copied from Ray Bradbury's book, "The Illustrated Man," she said. In Bradbury's book, a man has tattoos all over his body. Similarly, in Kiefer's play, a woman has tattoos all over her body.

Lyndie Benson, married to instrumentalist Kenny G, played the lead role of Jane Ellen Whitman in "The Illustrated Woman." This part involved the portrayal of five different personalities. "Benson is a wonderful actress," said Kiefer.

It was through David Styne, Kiefer's literary agent, that her play was able to be performed in Los Angeles. Kiefer's agent works through Creative Artist's Agency in Beverly Hills.

"My literary agent is a tremendous asset," she said. "Agents have their feet in doors and therefore can help me get my foot in the door."

The play premiered in Los Angeles on Sept. 22 and played for six weeks.

Kiefer was satisfied with Director Steven Rothman's interpretation of "The Illustrated Woman." "It was a very accurate and insightful interpretation," said Kiefer.

The majority of reviews that

Kiefer has read about the play have been favorable. The sell-out crowd in Los Angeles was extremely enthusiastic, she said. "I was told that the only review that mattered was the *Los Angeles Times*, and that review was good," Kiefer said.

Despite good reviews, Kiefer is aware that it's not possible to please everyone. "Reviews must be taken in context," she said. "You can't let reviews destroy your self-esteem."

Kiefer has two other plays that will be professionally performed this year.

"I have always loved the theater, but I fear for it," said Kiefer. "There may not be a theater in the 21st century because of the effects of television and the prominence of popular culture versus the elite arts," she said.

## Faculty awarded grants to further research

Lori Ruk  
Staff Reporter

Two John Carroll University faculty members, Jeffrey Johansen and Sally Wertheim were recently awarded large grants to study and conduct research in biology and industrial technology, respectively.

Johansen, associate professor of biology, won a \$738,000 con-

tract from the United States Army

Construction Engineering Lab to

develop the use of blue-green algae in preventing soil erosion.

Wertheim, academic vice president, earned a \$128,600 grant from the Cleveland Foundation for a faculty development project on the use of industrial technology.

The Army commissioned Johansen's project because there

are "large areas of desert they have disturbed by military training pressures and want to use this as a reclamation tool," he said. This disturbance caused erosion to the natural soil crust. He said one of the program's goals is to correct this problem by trying to stimulate recovery of the soil's crust.

Johansen has also earned a \$72,500 grant from the Lake Erie Protection Fund to develop a new system of assessing water quality. He is looking at the water quality in estuary regions of rivers flowing into Lake Erie. "I plan to develop a system to evaluate water quality using diatoms," he said. Diatoms are microscopic plants with glass shells.

Wertheim's \$128,600 grant from the Cleveland Foundation will go toward a faculty development project on the effective use of instructional technology. The grant has allowed Wendy Shapiro of information services to become coordinator of instructional technology and to further integrate technology into the John Carroll curriculum, Wertheim said.

Shapiro said she plans to work with faculty in devising ways to tap into existing technology.

The grant also provides funds for a summer faculty workshop which Shapiro will give. However, she said she recognizes some difficulties in achieving her goal.

"Our challenge is that the technology that exists at JCU isn't evenly distributed so certain departments have more and others have less," Shapiro said.

Shapiro said she recognizes the relevance of her work. "This is a beginning," she said. "Each year I teach, students have more knowledge of technology and it's critical that we as faculty align ourselves with the skills students bring."

## SU committee looks into student escort service

Cherie Skoczen

Assistant New Editor

The Student Union's Student Issues Committee is looking into options for proposing an on-campus, student-run escort service, said Maury Petrak, Jr., Student Issues Committee chairperson.

"This is not being organized in opposition to current security, but as a compliment to current security," Petrak said.

He said a student-run escort service will be proposed because many students have told him they would feel more comfortable having their peers as escorts.

The committee will work on a proposal over the Christmas break, and they plan to present it to Dean of Students Joe Farrell and Fr. Richard P. Salmi, S.J., vice president for student affairs, in January, Petrak said. Depending on what the proposal entails, Petrak said the committee may present its proposal to the Student Union to ask for its support.

Petrak said there is a need for two to five more security guards on campus. "There's at least 60 acres that need to be covered and at least 1,800 students who need to be protected," Petrak said.

The Student Issues Committee is also looking at the need for more lighting on campus. "There are a lot of dark areas on campus that need to be lit," Petrak said.

The proposal for the escort service is still in the planning stages, Petrak said. "We may find that a

student escort service is not needed at all if more security guards are hired," he said.

Petrak said the Knights of Columbus probably will provide many of the escorts since it is part of their charter.

Dave Ptasznik, newly-elected grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, said he plans on looking further into the student-escort issue once the new term starts.

"I think it's too hard for one organization to do it," Ptasznik said. "I don't think the student escort service should be entirely on our shoulders. But it's good for us to get involved."

Petrak said other students have expressed interest in helping with the escort service.

According to Francis McCaffrey, director of campus security, the Knights of Columbus tried to sponsor an escort service a few years ago. "It didn't work out too well," he said. "During times when there were no calls for escorts, the escorts got discouraged."

Petrak said it's better to be prepared than not be prepared. He said that on-duty escorts could do homework while waiting for calls.

McCaffrey also questioned whether the proposed student-run escort service will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Our thought right now is to run it from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays," Petrak said.



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## Former sociology professor sells estate

**Colleen Dugan**  
Staff Writer

Due to an extended stay in the hospital, former sociology Professor John Carpenter was forced to move out of his house and sell the contents of his estate.

Carpenter was a member of the John Carroll faculty from 1953 up until his retirement in 1989. He received his Bachelor's degree in sociology at St. Thomas and his Master's degree in education at the University of Notre Dame.

Although Carpenter never became a full professor at Carroll, he was, "a legend and tradition of John Carroll for a long time," said Peter Bernardo, director of alumni relations.

Room 259 in the administration building is dedicated to Carpenter. A plaque on the wall of the room describes Carpenter as a man who is, "Selfless to a fault. Last on his own list of receiving.... Always available. Always will-

ing. His humorous, but wise counsel has been ever present."

Although Carpenter has no family of his own, he made himself a family out of the students at JCU, said Dorothy Herrick. Each year she said he would take on a couple of students as boarders, and they became a very special part of his life. He would also go to estate liquidations, where Herrick says he, "would buy little things for the students, who were his family."

Due to his dedication and care for his students he "developed quite a following," says Peter Bernardo.

When Carpenter was forced out of his home, the Carroll students decided to rally around him and give him back a little of what he had given to them, says Herrick.

Several JCU alumni came back to Cleveland from around the country to assist Carpenter in packing up all of his belongings and moving them to a warehouse

in Bainbridge. A plaque, located in the Carpenter Room, in honor of Carpenter states that, "No fewer than 12,000 alumni have been touched by our dear Mr. C."

The contents of Carpenter's estate were sold on December 2, 3, and 4. Dorothy Herrick, who works at Estate Liquidation's, said that she had been working day and night to price, catalogue, and get all of his personal items ready for, "an incredible sale."

"Carpenter is very well thought of," says Peter Bernardo, "He still attends all of the functions, Masses, and meetings at JCU."

Bernardo said that long after students have left the JCU campus, they are still remembered in Carpenter's thoughts and heart. They keep in correspondence with him; invite him to their weddings, and the baptisms of their children.

Bernardo makes it very clear that Carpenter is still very much a part of the Carroll community.

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"We will take some years to resolve the issue to enable us to live together and build a confidence to help solve problems two or three years down the road, rather than now," said the ambassador.

Rabinovich said several countries are potential threats to peace, including Iraq and Iran. He stated that Iran poses a severe threat to Israel.

"They have been investing in nuclear capability," said Rabinovich. "They have been upgrading missile range."

Rabinovich said that the he does not believe the peace process will be reversed.

"The direction of the peace process may be changed by a new government, but we believe the current Israeli government has the right direction," said Rabinovich. "None of us know what the next few weeks will yield. We do know that in the conflict considered

most complex in the national arena for decades, all clichés have been broken by the magnificent events of the last few years."

Vergheese Chirayath, director of international studies, said the ambassador is a diplomat and makes statements that are a true reflection of Israeli government.

"I was impressed Rabinovich did not use any notes during the speech," said Chirayath. "It is a great tribute to him that his thoughts are so clear that he does not need to refer to notes."

## DISORDERS

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other one-third have a chronic case."

Sophomore Regina Hartman, the talk's final guest speaker gave an emotional account of her personal struggle with anorexia nervosa.

"I had a will of steel and wouldn't let anyone stand between me and looking the way I thought was perfect," said Hartman. "I allowed myself 350 calories a day and exercised for five hours a day. I realized I was hurting myself and didn't care because I just didn't care about myself."

Hartman said that anorexia nervosa became her new best

friend, and when she decided to quit, she said it was as if her best friend was going to die.

"The day I decided to change, I buried my best friend. His name was death. I made a new friend which is life," she said.

Hartman attributed much of the success of her recovery to support from family and friends.

Taylor stated that it is important to seek help if suffering from an eating disorder and also to urge friends to go for help.

"If you think or know a friend has an eating disorder, have them talk to a professional whose job it is to know," said Taylor.

Maury Petrark, chairperson of the Student Union's Student Issues Committee, said the discussion

was a success in that it informed over 60 students about the realities of eating disorders.

"My concern lies in informing the rest of the student body," he said.

"The talk dealt with issues affecting many college people," said John Cranley, Student Union President. "To have testimony from a college student showed the courage that it takes to overcome such a disease."

If you suffer from an eating disorder and want help to overcome the disorder, or if you believe a friend is suffering with a disorder and want to know how to approach them, call counseling services at 397-4283, or the Wellness Program office at 397-4607.

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the weekend is different than it had been in the past.

"There will be release forms on both ends," Salmi said. "We will ask the students to pledge not to drink alcohol at all that weekend." The parents will also have to sign some type of waiver for the younger siblings, he said.

The weekend has been limited this year to only on-campus students' siblings who are under 12 years of age in another effort to make it work, Walrod said.

"As long as we can prove we're capable of having it, then we can loosen the restrictions," he said.

John Cranley, Student Union president, said they would be willing to help RHA make this a campus-wide event in the future. "We'd like to assist," Cranley said, "but we can't sponsor something that is exclusive to on-campus students."

"I just don't see why the activities the university provides for little sibs can't be provided for off-campus students as well," he said.

## NEWSBRIEFS

a quick read

A seven-day spring break ski trip in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, is being offered to the entire John Carroll University community. Led by President-elect Rev. John J. Shea, S.J., the trip will cost \$875 per student and \$1,060 per faculty/staff member. It will include six nights lodging, round-trip airfare, round-trip bus transportation and a five-day ski lift ticket. A \$200 per person deposit is due by Dec. 15, and the final payment is due by Jan. 17, 1996. The trip is limited to 30 people. For further information and reservations, contact W. D. Bookwalter at 397-3089.

The Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) offered JCU students the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa in the atrium this week. All proceeds from each \$2 donation will go directly to the purchase of toys for children of project housing, said Lisa Coyne, ROTC public affairs coordinator. "We've never done anything like this before," Coyne said. "It's going really well."

This week the freshman class sold raffle tickets to students for a "Party in a Box," dinner at Pizzazz and a gift certificate at The Gap. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to purchase gifts for the Student Union-sponsored Giving Tree. Tori Seethaler, freshman class president, said the raffle is going better than expected. "We've already made \$150," she said. "We're going to buy more gifts than we thought."

Aaron Marinelli, sophomore class president, said the sophomore class will purchase about 25 gifts for the Giving Tree. He said the class raised the money to purchase the gifts during the Homecoming weekend. Anyone planning to turn in a gift for the Giving Tree should turn it in to the Student Union office by today, Thursday, Dec. 7.

Free tickets to the Holiday Lights Festival at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo are available in the Student Life Office. The lights will be on display at the zoo Dec. 8-10, 15-23, 26-30, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free transportation from JCU will be provided on Friday, Dec. 8. The vans will leave Belvoir parking lot at 5:30 p.m. It is sponsored by Student Activities and the Bicentennial Committee.

Fanfare for Cleveland, a bicentennial spectacular, will kick-off Cleveland's Bicentennial year on New Year's Eve. Family entertainment will begin on Cleveland's Public Square at 5 p.m. Music, fireworks and historical high-lights produced by Walt Disney World will begin around the Terminal Tower at 11:35 p.m.

News Briefs were compiled by Cherie Skoczen, assistant news editor.

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# World b r i e f s

The Supreme Court ordered five anti-abortion demonstrators to pay \$100,000 in lawyer fees to an abortion clinic where they had protested. This case is one of several that anti-abortion activists have lost court appeals. This most recent case marked the first time the issue of attorney-fee awards in abortion cases has been presented to the justices. Last month, the Supreme Court rejected a free-speech appeal by protesters in California who picketed too close to an abortion doctor's residence. In addition, last month the court rejected a challenge to federal limits on abortion clinic protests.

The threat of thousands of black widow spiders found in a port in Osaka, Japan caused the people of Japan to go into hysterics. Local papers circulated headlines like "Watch Out! Poisonous Spiders Have Landed!" and "If Bitten You Could Die!" Public Bulletins were distributed to schools over airwaves, and antidotes were rushed in from Australia.

The fiasco seemed to be a hoax, for the slow acting venom of the black widow spider is poisonous, but not deadly. In addition, Japanese scientists looked into the matter and found that the black widows that had been found probably had been in Japan for years.

Four Cornell University freshmen face the university's punishment for distributing a list of "75 reasons why women (bitches) should not have freedom of speech" over electronic mail. The four male students thought that the list would only reach 20 of their friends. However, the list reached e-mail users nationally. The university was inundated with so many letters in response that the system crashed. The students will have to attend a "Sex at 7" program, and perform 50 hours of community service, as well as meeting with senior administrators to apologize.

Judge Wayne Alley was removed from the Oklahoma City bombing case by an appeals-court panel, which claimed that there was a possibility Judge Alley could not remain impartial to the case. Judge Alley's chambers in Oklahoma's City federal Courthouse were among the damaged buildings in the April 19, 1995 blast of the A.P. Murrah federal building.

The son of civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, Jesse Jackson, Jr., announced last week his candidacy for a Congress. Jackson, Jr. easily won the Democratic primary race for the South Side Chicago House seat that Mel Reynolds vacated after being convicted of sexual assault.

Thousands of intelligence reports, which were released to the Pentagon, under threat of a subpoena, indicate that Vietnam has important information on the 300 to 600 servicemen missing in the Vietnam War. The assessment is contained in documents turned over last week to the House Military Subcommittee.

Congress can now measure how cooperative Vietnam has been in each case. Subcommittee Chairman, Bob Dornan, inserted new language in a new bill that would cut off all money for the new U.S. Embassy in Hanoi unless the president of Vietnam can certify that Vietnam is cooperating to their full potential in the POW search.

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## Carroll junior lives Bosnian conflict firsthand Croatian native discusses the reality of a war-torn nation

Annie Collopy

Asst. Int. News & Business Editor

The present is a critical time in Bosnia. Following the recent tentative peace agreement, the people in the former Yugoslavia are hoping for just that, peace.

Dinko Bacic, a junior at John Carroll University is a native of Croatia. He expresses the same sentiments. "It would mean a lot if peace was reached. I really hope it's going to work," says Bacic referring to the agreement that was reached in Dayton, Ohio.

Bacic is not a stranger to this war. In fact, his native home town of Osijek, Croatia is situated on the front line of the war. From 1991-1992, Osijek experienced a year of intensive fighting before the United Nations intervened. Since then, there has been total peace for two years.

During the worst time, 10-20 civilians would die every day. Bacic did not attend school for a semester due to bombings. Bacic recalls that the mornings were the most dangerous time of the day to leave home. Osijek was originally a town of 120,000. At the worst time of the conflict there were only 30,000 people left in the city.

"Our home town could've been occupied and we would have been refugees," Bacic said referring to Serbian occupation of areas in Croatia.

Osijek did not escape the war's repercussions. "There were nights where there were hundreds of grenades per night on the city from Serbians," Bacic recalls. Bacic remembers a few occasions where grenades were close, but he was only in danger two or three times.

"I got lucky, no one in my immediate family died in the war,"



Dinko Bacic

said Bacic regarding the casualties that were incurred. However, Bacic's family did not escape the reality of the war. One of his first cousins died in the conflict.

Bacic's feelings about the war and the peace agreement often illustrate a sense of blame towards the Serbians. Bacic calls the Serbian actions throughout the war as "a typical example of aggression by a country."

Serbia was a republic that wanted to uphold communism, therefore the Serbs would not allow a confederation of non-communist republics to exist although these republics like Croatia voted in free elections.

"I believe that every nation has the right of self-determination," Bacic said in reference to Serbian resistance to Croatia and other republics desiring self-rule. He calls the Serbian actions "a typical example of aggression by a country."

"The whole war could have been stopped much earlier. If someone in the world community would have criticized Bosnian Serbs and let them know it wouldn't be tolerated," said Bacic.

"If the agreement doesn't work, it would be Serbians who break it," said Bacic. He believes that the Serbs are at the root of the problems in his homeland.

1991-1992 was the most intensive fighting in Croatia. When so called peace agreements were reached during that time period, they were often ineffective. "They signed one again, let's go to the basement," said Bacic referring to the fact that bombings often increased after the purely symbolic peace agreements that were reached during the war. "We were kind of disappointed by European response during the war," Bacic recalls.

Bacic talked about the Serbs' resistance to give up territory in Sarajevo. "It would be rewarding the aggressor to give Serbs control over Sarajevo," Bacic said. "I think the worst thing would be to divide Sarajevo. It should be a city for people who defended the city for months and months during the bombings, not the Serbians."

Despite the destruction and death that the war brought, Bacic still believes in the cause. "The war for us meant freedom, and freedom has a price," he said comparing the war to the Revolutionary War in America.

"After years of struggle, we [Croatians] still managed to be independent," Bacic said in support of the war.

In a couple of weeks, Bacic will return to his homeland. Of course he hopes for peace. "It would mean a lot to my region if peace was reached," Bacic expressed feelings similar to all Croatians waiting for peace. He believes that the American presence in Bosnia is critical for the peace plan to work.

After Bacic graduates from JCU with a degree in finance in the spring of 1997, he will serve in the Croatian army for 10 months in the hope of attending graduate school after his service.

## Rape suspects portrayed as 'good soldiers'

Teresa Watanabe

Los Angeles Times

Three U.S. servicemen accused of raping an Okinawa schoolgirl were painted as stellar soldiers and a loving husband Monday as defense attorneys sought to soften their violent image in a case that has outraged Japan.

Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, wept as his wife, Denitree, apologized for the crime and told the court her husband is a gentle, intelligent man who "adored" his two children.

"I'm very sorry," she said, before breaking down in sobs.

"I'd like to apologize to the Japanese girl, to her mother and father, to the people of Japan and the United States."

In the second hearing in the

high-profile case, U.S. military officers testified on behalf of the other two suspects, Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, saying they were good soldiers who performed their duties well.

The three men are accused of abducting a 12-year-old girl off the streets of Naha on Okinawa's southern island and taking her to a remote sugar cane field. There, prosecutors allege, they brutally beat and raped her after tying her up with duct tape and rope.

Gill has pleaded guilty to rape; Harp and Ledet have denied raping the girl but have admitted assisting in the Sept. 4 crime.

Potential sentences range from three years to life imprisonment.

The case has ignited the fier-

est protests against the U.S. military here in more than three decades, drawn repeated apologies from U.S. officials including President Clinton and led to pledges to consolidate bases and improve discipline among the 44,000 U.S. military personnel.

Bowing to the public uproar, the United States also agreed to give the Japanese early custody of military suspects in cases of rape and homicide, a move that has set off South Korean demands for similar arrangements.

Currently, U.S. military suspects are handed to Japanese authorities after indictment, but the two sides recently agreed in principle that such transfers can be done after arrest in certain heinous crimes.

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# 'Twas the Nightmare Before Christmas...

A guide to holiday movie alternatives

Andrea Tracy  
Staff Reporter

Christmas comes but once a year, but unfortunately it brings with it the same specials and movies that seem to appear on every channel at least five times during the holiday season. In December, I have this recurring nightmare that I'm watching television and the only thing playing on every channel is *It's a Wonderful Life*. It became obvious that for this tragic nightmare not to come true, alternate movies would have to be found to replace the ever-constant barrage of Christmas reruns.

So, instead of suggesting something like one of the many remakes of *Miracle on 34th Street*, the video archives were pillaged

to find new movies for the holiday connoisseur. They keep the theme of Christmas, but they give it a whole new twist.

\* **Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas** (Touchstone Pictures) — In this imaginative stop-motion action musical fantasy from Tim Burton (*Edward Scissorhands*), "Pumpkin King" Jack Skellington's well-meaning but misguided efforts go incredibly astray. The film includes the voices of Danny Elfman (Oingo Boingo) and Catherine O'Hara (*Home Alone*).

\* **Edward Scissorhands** (20th Century Fox) — Johnny Depp takes on the role of a boy, with scissors for hands, who is thrown into a quirky suburb. Okay, so Santa and his reindeer don't travel across the screen; but the modern-day fairy tale comes with a lot of snow. The film also stars Winona Ryder.

\* **The Santa Clause** (Walt Disney Home Video) — Tim Allen (*Home Improvement*) plays Scott Calvin, who assumes St. Nick's identity when the real Santa Claus falls off Calvin's roof and mysteriously disappears Christmas Eve. They also throw in a conflict with Calvin's son, you know, to tug at the heart strings.



\* **Lethal Weapon** (Warner Brothers) — This blockbuster takes place around Christmas time, and it even contains a clip of *It's a Wonderful Life*. Danny Glover and Mel Gibson play two cops who get to shoot and destroy everything in sight. Besides, it has a great shot of a Christmas tree at the end.

\* **Die Hard 1, Die Hard 2** (Fox Video) — The first one in this series takes place at a Christmas party. The second takes place Christmas Day. Bruce Willis handles a band of terrorists in both, and the pyrotechnics are phenomenal.

\* **Silent Night, Deadly Night** (IVE Inc.) — Those with weak stomachs may want to pass on this story of a boy named Billy who sees his mother killed by a maniac in a Santa suit, and then, years later, goes on his own slaughter-spree as a department-store Santa. Lots of blood and guts, and if there is a run on it at the video store, you have four sequels to choose from!

—There you have it, six good movies to put you in the Christmas spirit. The halls may be decked with uzis and madmen, but it will make you happy that they aren't coming to your house for Christmas. So, fire up the VCR, and enjoy the break!



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Tim Allen in *The Santa Clause*.

## Creating the Realistic World at Dobama

Melissa Tilk

Editor-in-chief

MTV's "The Real World" provides easily accessible relief to voyeuristic tendencies as cameras capture what supposedly happens when several strangers let their guard down and attempt to co-habitate.

In a sense, then, it is similar improvisational theater in that there's no safety net in a script for the players to fall back on.

Although it has been rumored that MTV scripted the production, that concept has become a popular one to parody and spoof.

For example, Dobama's Night Kitchen's production of *the Realistic World*, combines the idea of seven strangers brought together to live in an apartment with the uncertainty and audience input of improvisational theater.

For their part, the audience gets to look in on developments in the relationships and actually see their ideas played out on stage. Each progressive show picks up where the last one left off.

Since it opened this past weekend, the production seems to have proved a worthy risk, and director David Hansen is encouraged by the reception the concept has received.

"The aim or mission of the project, the Night Kitchen in general, was to create experimental and original works geared toward a younger, hipper audience. The audience likes to know you need them — little or big, all of their

suggestions were worked in," Hansen explained.

"I mean, I know what I think is cool... this whole project was a risk," said Hansen. "It's a kind of parody on the show, but we're not imitating people on the show."

Appearing at Dobama Theatre every Friday and Saturday at 11:15 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 23, each 60-minute show begins with members of the audience answering questions leading into a word-play among the cast.

The rotating scenes move from there using the information from the audience and word-play, even featuring a confessional scene. Then, the whole process will repeat itself in January with a new cast.

"I got the idea for *the Realistic World* this past summer. I wanted to do a long-form improv, and this is the first in Cleveland. It's more story-oriented," said Hansen who is also public relations director for Dobama Theatre.

Each cast member plays a character of their same name that they created over the six-week rehearsal process, a time that was also utilized to devise and experiment with a framework for the show.

During the run of the show, the audience will see those characters develop and evolve.

The casts for both the December and January shows are peppered with John Carroll University students such as sophomore Christine Castro, senior



The cast of *the Realistic World* appearing at Dobama Theatre through Dec. 23.

Anne Sertich and junior Trish Kopaich.

"It's a challenge because there's no script. You take yourself to the edge and have to have faith in yourself and your partner," said Sertich about her first production outside JCU. Although she will perform with the January cast, Sertich has already done her time as a "ringer." That means she's an additional cast member for a night in case the core group needs to bring someone in to make a scene work.

Kopaich also serves as a ringer on various occasions.

Hansen points out that the audience will never see the same show again. There are no reruns in *the Realistic World*.

Dobama Theatre is located at 1846 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Hts. For ticket info, call 932-6838.

## Coming Attractions



### Art

Cleveland Institute of Art presents an exhibition by artist Sue Wall, a native of Garfield Heights, now through Dec. 14. The exhibition includes large acrylic paintings that capture the essence of 19th-century Victorian houses, as well as detailed floral studies, paintings of cats, and small decorative wooden boxes. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information call 421-7407.

### Film



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*Father of the Bride Part II*, the sequel to the 1991 comedy hit, *Father of the Bride*, opens tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 8). *Father of the Bride Part II* (Touchstone Pictures) stars Steve Martin as George Banks, who has barely recovered from having been "Father of the Bride," when his daughter Annie, and son-in-law Bryan, unexpectedly announce they're going to be parents. The film also stars Diane Keaton as George's wife, Nina, and Martin Short as the flamboyant coordinator, Franck Eggelhoff. Check local listings for theatres and showtimes.

### Music

Belkin Productions welcomes Phish to CSU's Convocation Center tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 8) at 7:30 p.m. Many of the tracks on *A Live One*, their new double live Elektra release, are previously unreleased songs that have only been performed live. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 day of show, and are now on sale. Tickets are available at the Convocation Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations, or charge by phone at 241-5555.

The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, *Apollo's Fire*, will present their third annual performances of Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (2747 Fairmont Blvd., Cleveland Heights.) Director Jeannette Sorrell and her musicians, including Northeast Ohio-native Christine Brandes, bring "Messiah" to life as the dramatic oratorio Handel intended it to be. Tickets range from \$7 to \$18 and may be charged by phone. Call 932-2010.

Belkin Productions and the Bud Ice concert series present *Bela Fleck and the Fleckstones*, at the Odeon Saturday, Dec. 23 at 9 p.m. The concert features music from their latest Warner Brothers album, *Tales From The Ancient Acoustic Planet*. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$17 day of show, and are now on sale at all Ticketmaster locations, or charge by phone at 241-5555.

### Theatre

*Simpatico*, the latest play from Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sam Shepard, runs now through Dec. 23 at the Dobama Theatre (1846 Coventry Road). *Simpatico* is a mysterious look at the world of horse racing, blackmail, and self-transformation, involving two main characters, Carter, played by Morgan Lund, and Vinnie, played by Kirk Brown. For more information about tickets and performance times, call 932-6838.

Playhouse Square Center presents the two-part, seven-hour *Angels in America Part I, Millennium Approaches*, and *Part 2, Perestroika* now through Dec. 10 at the Palace Theatre. *Angels in America* encompasses many stories in one, including a religious couple confronting a marital breakup, a suburban drug addict, and gay lovers facing AIDS. Tickets range from \$20.50 to \$35, and are now on sale. For more information call 771-4444.

Coming Attractions were compiled by Lani Assily, assistant entertainment editor.



# 'There he is...'

Stern stirs up controversy in 'Miss America.'

**Jonathan Boyle**  
Staff Reporter

He exposed his "Private Parts" two years ago. He received a lot of attention when he ran for governor of New York. He is infamous for his "O.J. bashing" during the seemingly endless Simpson trial. Is Howard Stern the type to keep a low profile after all of this? Don't count on it. He has just released his controversial new book, "Miss America" (Regan Books).

There is a lot of hype surrounding this book because the cover shows Stern dressed as a woman. According to Stern, this is a parody of the Miss America Pageant. Reportedly, the people who run the pageant are not amused. His radio crew — Robin, Jackie, Baba Booley and the rest — also cross-dress.

Another controversial part of the book is the chapter about Michael Jackson and his alleged child molestation. Stern, who says he believes that Jackson is guilty, says that he met with the singer because Jackson's manager wanted Stern to put Jackson on his show to help clear his name.

"You would have to have sunk to an all-time low to start crawling underneath my rock, and Michael had pretty much hit rock bottom," Stern comments.

As for O.J. Simpson, there isn't that much material on the fallen



Savoy Pictures

**Howard Stern**

football legend, but what is there makes fun of Simpson and implies he is guilty. The back cover has a picture of Stern and Simpson with the caption: "Howard Stern: Getting away with murder." There is also a section of rejected book covers. One titled "Absolutely 100% Guilty" shows Stern killing his wife with Simpson giving a "thumbs-up."

The rest of "Miss America" is less controversial, but it can be mean-spirited and disgusting in parts. Stern bashes rival disc jockeys, NBC (one of his former employers), the FCC, the Kennedys, Rush Limbaugh, and anybody else he doesn't like.

Like him or not, Stern is not the type who hides behind political correctness. Plus, many DJs today try to emulate Stern; "Mancow," a Chicago DJ, is an infamous Stern clone.

To sum it all up, Stern's book, despite its vulgarity, is funny.

## CD Reviews: Brooks, 'belly, Boom

**Garth Brooks**  
*Fresh Horses*  
(Capitol)

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Far be it from me to whisper a criticism of the man who put the "yeehaw" back into country music, but Garth Brooks' latest release, *Fresh Horses*, (Capitol), fell a Texas two-step and a do-si-do short of my expectations.

Even the title of his first album in two years gives the anticipation of new and exciting things. However, literally fiddling with old Aerosmith songs ("The Fever") was not likely what most had in mind.

With a fiddle worthy of any devil that ever went down to Georgia, and at a feverish pace that dares even the most determined country boy to swing his partner round and round, this song made me want to stop and rest awhile.

Thankfully, some songs do justice to the long two years country music has waited for a new Brooks album. "The Change," co-written by Tony Arata, known for his earlier Brooks hit, "The Dance," provides a lesson in life. It's about about one man's efforts against great odds to help those in need.

The toe-tappin', hand-clappin' first tune, "The Old Stuff," is a tribute to Garth's fans. All in all, however, *Fresh Horses*

had me wishing for a little of that same old stuff that made Brooks the king of country music.

—Sam Subity

**Echobelly**  
*On*  
(Music/Epic)

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Echobelly, the infant British band, ride a sandy, feminine voice with a strong British accent into a respectful position in the modern music scene.

The voice, belonging to Sonya Aurora Madan, blends strong vocals and intelligent lyrics. Helping Madan is Glenn Johansson and Debbie Smith on guitars, Andy Henderson on drums, and Alex Keyster on bass.

Echobelly's latest release, *On*, marks a distinct return to the basics of pop music, which were established as early as the '60s with the Beatles.

"Car Fiction," "Nobody Like You," and my personal favorite, "King of the Kerb," provide stunning vocals. Bass and drums shine on "Go Away" and "Dark Therapy," and intricate guitar work is present throughout the 12-song CD.

*On* is a very good choice for those interested in the international side of modern rock. Because of the wide appeal generated in their collective sound, it is hard to go wrong with Echobelly.

—Andrew Schlegelmilch

**Cypress Hill**  
*Temples of Boom*  
(Ruffhouse)

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Cypress Hill have done nothing to refute their reputation as the most pro-pot group in the music industry with their third and best album to date, *Cypress Hill III (Temples of Boom)*.

*Temples of Boom*, which was released Oct. 31, debuted on the Billboard charts at No. 4 and is destined to go platinum before it's over.

After *Black Sunday*, the 1993 follow up to their 1991 self-titled debut album, many hip-hop critics thought Cypress had lost some of their edge. So Cypress came out swinging and had something to prove with *Temples of Boom*.

The hard, cutting rhymes of B-Real and Muggs show that their debut release was not a fluke. In fact their lyrics are harder than ever, especially on the album's best songs, "Killa Hill Niggas" and "Throw Your Set in the Air."

This album is one of hip-hop's best new releases of 1995 and should remain high on the Billboard charts well into 1996.

—Kevin Bachman

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# Gem break out of local scene with *Hexed*

Daniel Rose  
Staff Reporter

In spite of being extremely wired on numerous cups of coffee, the relaxed and casual countenance of Gem members Doug Gillard (vocals, guitar) and Tim Tobias (vocals, guitar) transcended the phone lines of Gillard's Old Brooklyn residence. I admit, I was a little apprehensive going into this interview. After all,

**"It's easy to rock loud ... It's more of a challenge to do something quiet — more engaging."**

Doug Gillard

these guys have written some of the best pop songs since the Lemonheads. My anxieties were quickly assuaged, however, as I found the guys to be both intelligent and witty.

The 60-minute interview included a discussion about Pennsylvania Dutch hex signs (see Gem's new CD cover), the validity

of Aerosmith and their disdain for Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins. Oh, yes, and between that, we touched on Gem's future, their CD, *Hexed*, and their recent deal with Restless Records.

Fluctuating between sportive cynicism and fruitful optimism, the personalities of Gillard and Tobias manifest themselves in the music and lyrics on *Hexed*. In "Suburban Girl," Gillard sounds off about yuppies in their Acuras. "It's really not about a girl at all. (It's about) being pissed off...seeing these guys on their cellular phones swerving in and out of traffic," he explained. "It wouldn't be so bad really if they'd just stay in their lanes."

Both concurred, however, that Tim is the one with the more sarcastic agenda. "I can bust a cynical move. I can front some cynicism," he added.

Besides post-baby boom satirization, musically the band implements clean, tenacious rhythms and hypnotic melodies and juxtaposes them with admonishing crescendos and Beatlesque harmonies. The result sounds kind of like a loud Meat Puppets or a quiet Sonic Youth.

"I'd like to get away from dis-

tortion...it's getting generic. It can wear you down as a listener," Gillard said. "It's easy to rock loud but not rock properly. It's more of a challenge to do something quiet—more engaging."

Dusty Springfield, Yellow Tango and Mercury Rev are a few of the bands that have influenced Gem. When asked about the Beatles, Gillard simply said their influence wasn't even worth mentioning, implying that this is a pre-supposition to any rock 'n' roll band around.

They also confessed to being big fans of classic rock, which proved to be an ambiguous term. "Sex Pistols sound more like classic rock," Tobias added.

And the state of rock 'n' roll today? Regarding some of the hair bands of the eighties, Tobias said they are more honest than some of today's indie bands; "Aerosmith are really kind of stupid...good rock. Good rock because it's stupid. Led Zeppelin are goofy, but they're the greatest rock band." So being goofy and stupid are prerequisites for being a great rock band? No, not quite. Are the two things merely synonymous? I think so.



Restless Records

Gem are scheduled to perform at the Grog Shop Dec. 30.

The members of Gem knew each other prior to the group's present incarnate through the cross-current of the Cleveland music scene.

Their spectrums finally diverged when Tobias said, "Let's all do something sometime. It might be fun." Rhythm section Scott Pickering along with Jeff Curtis spent time in My Dad is Dead and Prisonshake, respectively, while Tobias played in the Kent-based Ghost Sonata and Four Coyotes. Gillard spent the mid-eighties fronting the punkish ethereal obscurity called Death of Samantha.

"DOS was influenced by a lot of early eighties punk bands out of California," Gillard said. This seemed to be a precursor to the more polished and sensual sounds emanating from Gillard today.

Gem's future is in that precarious undertow so many bands experience between label recogni-

tion and eminent success. They both said they are happy at Restless and look forward to their future with them. Tour plans are sketchy at this point. Even with the regular airplay WMMS has given "Suburban Girl" and their increasing popularity in Northeast Ohio, they exhibited anxieties about a full-length tour fearing "only three people would show up." But for die-hard Gem fans anxious to see them live, they are scheduled to perform at the Grog Shop (on Coventry Road) Dec. 30.

Well, they like Pavement. That's a plus. They don't like Billy Corgan. That's not. Gem are a promising new band implementing a cool polished-raw sound (put that on your list of oxymorons) and, likewise, a cool attitude. Many great bands are overlooked, while many mediocre ones flourish. In respect to the many great ones overlooked, Gem deserve to be an exception.

## Money Train worth ride

Christopher M. Green  
Staff Reporter

The last time we saw Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson together, they were hustling on the basketball courts in Ron Shelton's highly successful *White Men Can't Jump*. Now, the creative, energetic and always humorous team of Wesley and Woody hook up once again for the action-packed thrill ride, *Money Train*.

John (Snipes) and Charlie (Harrelson) are transit cops who take much pride in busting criminals in the dirty dungeon-like subways of New York. One of their best tricks in luring criminals is by playing the "bait" themselves. They both act drunk and look quite incompetent, drawing the criminals to them. They wear gold watches, chains, and carry a lot of cash. Once the criminals make their move towards the gold, they show their badges, and the chase through the subway begins.

But that's not all that is involved in their jobs. John and Charlie also have to deal with their greed-driven, racist boss, Patterson (Robert Blake). He can't stand the duo, and vice versa. All Patterson is concerned with is his money train, which carries all of the money from the revenues of his transit system. He doesn't like anything or anybody who gets in the way of his train coming through. And John and Charlie are always the ones to throw off its timing and cause problems.

The hilarious twist in this film is the relationship between John and Charlie. They are brothers. How can this be, you may ask, when one is black and one is white? They are foster brothers.

John is the smooth one — always in the right place at the right

time. He gets all the women and always has money. Charlie is totally opposite. He is always one step behind in everything, he always loses out to his brother when it comes to women, and he always is in trouble because of his gambling habit.

Always there to catch Charlie when he falls, John is there once again to bail him out of a huge debt. But it's not that easy. Once again, like clockwork, Charlie messes up.

Another thing causing problems between Charlie and John is the addition of their new partner, Grace Santiago (Jennifer Lopez). She is smart, aggressive, and of course, she is beautiful.

Down on his luck, Charlie devises a plan to rob their boss'

**The chemistry between (Harrelson and Snipes) is utterly perfect.**

money train, and run off to some island for the rest of his life. (I'll let you find out whether John joins him.)

Directed by Joseph Ruben, *Money Train* is a different type of action thriller. Not only does this film feature edge-of-your-seat excitement, it also offers a balance of comedy along the way. Yes, the plot is simple and you may have seen this formula before, but I have two words for you: "Woody" and "Wesley."

The chemistry between the two is utterly perfect. This combo is one of the funniest and most charismatic since Mel Gibson and Danny Glover in the *Lethal Weapon* trilogy. Snipes and Harrelson's chemistry, along with their acting flexibility, carry this film.



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# Tickets to paradise

Students set for holiday trips

**Marie Skoczylas**

Staff Reporter

Christmas is a family time. It is a time for chatting with aunts and uncles, explaining your current love life to your grandma, or simply spending quality time with those cousins that you love so much. It is a time to which the entire John Carroll community is looking forward. Some students, though, will be celebrating a very special Christmas this year as they travel in the United States and to foreign countries in exploration and celebration.

Junior Tom Lotus is spending Christmas vacation in Europe. He will travel to Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Austria and France. He and his girlfriend will be hiking and skiing throughout these countries together before beginning studies in England next semester.

Scotland is where Christian Hedrick, a junior, will be headed for the holidays. Hedrick will be spending the spring semester abroad at the University of Glasgow to pursue his history major. Going abroad will be "a worldly experience," according to Hedrick, and will give him experience in international relations and international law.

Freshman Rane Wengrzn plans to reunite with her cousins that live in southern Italy. "It will be a new experience to spend my Christmas this year celebrating my family heritage with relatives from my homeland," said Wengrzn.

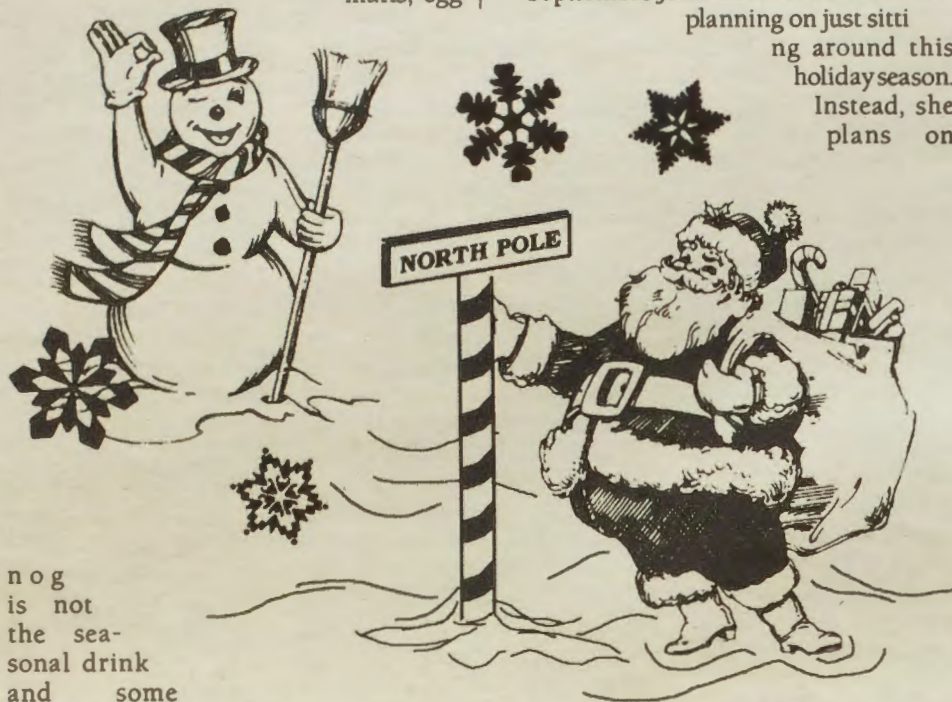
Katie Garcia, a freshman, is getting a Christmas present that anyone would envy: a trip to Cancun, Mexico. She will be bonding there with her family and basking in the sun while Jack Frost nips at our noses.

Sophomore Steve Conway will be spending his Christmas vacation twofold. He leaves on New Year's Day for a jaunt in the Bahamas with his cousin and a friend. Upon returning from the beaches, he will be off to Breckenridge, Colorado for a week of skiing.

Other JCU students are looking forward to heading to far away homes for the holidays. Claudine Hosn, a JCU freshman that came all the way from the United Arab Emirates, is anticipating her traditional family gathering this Christmas. Though it takes her about a full day to return home, it is definitely worth the trip to spend time with the ones she loves.

However, in her homeland, Christmas is celebrated a little differently from what most students might be accustomed to. First of all, Hosn does not celebrate Christmas Eve. The holiday starts with a Christmas lunch and following that, presents are opened.

Hosn said she is in awe of all the extravagant decorations that we have here in America. Though there are some lights and decorations in the United Arab Emirates, they are not quite as prominent as they are in the United States. Santa Claus does not visit the malls, egg



noog is not the seasonal drink and some schools do not even give students time off for the holiday. Overall, though, Hosn said the holiday spirit in her home country is just as merry as here in America.

If your hometown in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, or wherever you call home, is the only place you will be venturing this Christmas, you are not alone. The majority of the JCU population will be doing the same. But for those going to the lands of palm trees and sunshine: Bon Voyage!

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# And the rest of us...

Others will be working, studying

**Kristen Schneidler**

Editorial Board Director

With the holidays quickly approaching, people have a lot more on their minds than just candy canes, shopping for that perfect gift, and singing Christmas carols. Aside from all that, many people's heads are filled with visions of four weeks with no tests, papers, classes and professors.

Some students are ready to settle in for a long hibernation, getting up just to eat and occasionally go out, but others are gearing up for a very active break, with their "to-do lists" full to the max.

Sophomore Jen Fink is one student not planning on just sitting around this holiday season. Instead, she plans on

worked at the winter camp, but she did work at last year's summer camp, and plans on doing that again next summer. With regards to spending her break with between 100 and 200 kids, Kink said, "I really like working with the kids, because it's fun for me, too. It's a lot of work, but fun, too!"

Working with kids over the break is a popular thing to do, as some students will be headed down south to Immokalee, Florida for a week this Christmas. A group of JCU students will leave for Florida on December 26, and spend the week working with many of Immokalee's underprivileged, immigrant children. They will mainly be in Immokalee "teaching these kids how to have fun in a positive way," said sophomore Lori Roddy, who went to Immokalee with JCU last year.

In addition, the students will also be taking the kids probably the only Christmas presents they will receive, provided by the JCU Giving Tree.

Not everyone is choosing to work with children during their time off from school, however. Some JCU students are choosing the practical route, by getting a job, and/or doing everything possible to ready themselves for their future.

Junior Nicki Hewald will be working more than just the average job, she will be spending her time at a doctor's office, working at an orthopedic surgeon's private practice. Aside from preparing to become a doctor, Hewald is also just trying to save money to buy a new car. "It seems like I've been saving up for this for twenty years," said Hewald.

Junior Amy Giordano and sophomore Eric Pennock will also be busy getting ready for the future this Christmas break, by studying for the MCATs (Medical School Admission Tests), which they will take on April 20, 1996. "I would normally be working, but this year I'll be spending the break studying," said Giordano. Pennock agreed, adding, "other than that I'll just be spending time with my family and friends."

Some students, unfortunately, will not be able to get too far away from Carroll over the break, such as junior Danielle Bosela, who will be working at Grasselli library. Bosela put it all into perspective: "It's kind of sad that I can't get away from school over the break, but at least I'm making money."

working at "Winter Wonderland Camp," a day camp for kids ages four to twelve, sponsored by the Lake County YMCA.

"It's basically a winter version of a typical summer day camp," said Fink. The camp, which takes place during the kids' Christmas break, from December 20 to January 2, provides many fun activities for the children. "We'll be going to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Discovery Zone, Sea World, NASA, the Rainforest at the zoo, and Inventure Place, the Inventor's Hall of Fame, and we'll also have things like arts and crafts for the kids to do," said Fink.

This will be the first time that Fink has

# The best gifts at Christmas are often things we already have

**Randy Loeser**

Staff Reporter

For whatever reason, it seems that my mom and I stop talking to each other around the holidays. In fact, I can mark this event on my calendar.

## Commentary

This year is no different.

And, the tension will cease on Christmas morning, when my mom (or Santa, for those who still believe) will have found that special gift. Usually, that gift deals with sports, usually something relating to one of my favorite athletes. Last year, it was autographs from the four living triple crown winners in baseball. My mom knows how important my heroes are in my life, which leads me to the following story.

The date was July 14, 1991. (I still have the ticket on my bedroom mirror to mark the occasion.) My favorite baseball player, Kirby Puckett, was in town with the Minnesota Twins to play my Cleveland Indians. Like most Tribe seasons of the past, the Indians had been mathematically eliminated from the playoffs since opening day, so cheering for opposing play-

ers was the norm during those days. My mom, realizing that my life-long dream was to meet Puckett, picked up three, first-row dugout seats next to the Twins bench. For me, meeting Puckett was the ultimate sports fantasy, one that I had waited for almost six years to fulfill.

Mom, Dad, and I went to Cleveland Municipal Stadium two hours before game time. Dressed in my official Twins jersey with Puckett scrawled across the back, I quickly ditched my folks to get as close to the batting cage as possible. Armed with my baseball and a sharpie pen, I would not be denied. Many will never even see their personal hero, mine was 20 feet in front of me. The wait was over.

Puckett took his cuts, spraying balls all over the green and brown grass of the stadium. He finished, took off his batting gloves and came right at me. I began sweating, what would I tell him?

I held out my ball, looked him straight in the eyes and asked for his autograph. He never looked up.

"Alright, he probably didn't

hear me," I said to myself. After six other attempts, still no autograph. I was distraught and dejected. I couldn't believe that my hero would do this.

My mom, seeing that I was upset, suggested that we wait after the game for him. My spirits perked. Mom always knew the right things to say.

**When I look back, I do see my mom as a hero. She stood up for what she believed in... I probably don't tell her that enough.**

The Tribe was pounded, 6-1. Puckett hit a homer, so I knew his mood would be high. He'd sign afterwards, I thought.

We went to the Twins bus, where about 200 others with the same idea had congregated. A bit tired, I said to my dad that maybe we should go, it probably wasn't worth it. According to my mom, we came to get Kirby's autograph, and we were leaving with his autograph.

We waited for an hour in the 98

degree heat. One by one the Twins players filed out, but no Puckett. I asked one of the security guards to check and see where Puckett was. He came back and said he snuck out another exit. I was crushed. I couldn't believe I missed the man.

I found my dad, told him Kirby left, and started to walk away. Just then, the Twins other great player, Kent Hrbek, came out. I raced some eight-year-old (he won, by the way) to where Hrbek was waiting. The eight-year-old put out his pen and baseball card, and politely asked for his autograph. Hrbek sternly responded, "No, I don't have time."

Just as I began walking away with my dad, I heard a familiar voice.

Mom, a five-foot, Italian woman, was going toe to toe with the colossal Hrbek, who stood 6'5" and weighed 265 pounds. She was pounding on his chest, asking him who pays his salary, why was he such a jerk, where was his loyalty to the fans? Hrbek looked stunned, then fear and panic came over his

face. My mom would not relent. "You better sign these kids autographs," she said.

I don't think even a Nolan Ryan fastball was as intimidating as my spitfire mom.

For the next 20 minutes Hrbek signed each and every autograph, partly due to my mom's tirade, but also because she blocked the door of the taxi.

When it was over, she began to cry. She was embarrassed that she had made a spectacle of herself.

At first, my and dad and I laughed. But, then some of the people came up to my mom and asked her for an autograph. One guy even said she was his new hero.

My mom as a hero? Surely, he was kidding.

When I look back, I do see my mom as a hero. She stood up for what she believed in, even if it meant she would be embarrassed. I probably don't tell her that enough, even though that's how I feel.

On Christmas morning there will probably be some kind of gift dealing with Puckett or another of my favorite athletes. Yes, that gift will be special, but not as special as the gifts I have received from my hero, my mom.



# The JCU students' guide to smart holiday shopping

**Marla Trivisonno**

Staff Reporter

Noel leaned back in her chair and groaned. In many ways, Christmas is certainly the most wonderful time of the year. Festive holiday lights line the streets, everyone is dressed in red and green, and favorite carols are sung practically everywhere.

However, in Noel's mind, something wasn't very wonderful; Christmas shopping takes a lot of time and money. When both of those requirements are limited, it's hard to shop for creative gifts for those we love. However, there are some great gift ideas that cost under \$20, so maybe you and Noel won't go broke this holiday season.

A long gift list accompanied Noel to the mall, where the hunt for inexpensive, but fun, Christmas gifts began.

First on her list was her sports fanatic brother Chris. What could she possibly get him? Indians tickets would have been nice, but since that is out of the question, maybe an Indian's t-shirt or hat will suffice. Or else, she could go to a baseball card shop, pick out a bunch of inexpensive cards of his favorite player, put them in some plastic sheets and stick the sheets in a binder.

This is a nice idea because he can continue the collection later on with his own money. Eventually, Noel decides to buy Chris a wooden plaque of his favorite Indians player, Jim Thome. A card and Jim's name are mounted on the plaque, which only costs \$5. Get him a couple.

Noel's father

loves to go see the football games of his alma mater. Because of the dreadful weather of the college football season, Noel bought him a mini umbrella for \$13. Another nice idea would be the "Venture Lava Buns" which costs under \$19. It is a small pad on which a sports spectator sits on. It heats up in the microwave and remains warm for eight hours, long enough for two football games.

Buying mom a gift is always a challenge to Noel. Of course, she could always get her mom some inexpensive jewelry for under \$20, but surely she could come up with a more unusual gift idea. Maybe a small calculator would be a good idea: it's helpful when shopping or leaving a tip at a restaurant. If not, a picture frame with a photo of the family is a nice sentimental and personal gift, along with actually baking some Christmas cookies and putting them in a nice tin.

Noel decided that she would get her mom a practical gift this year: a remote control holder. It hangs over the edge of the couch and has compartments for the TV Guide and the remote control. Let's face it, this gift helps mom keep the living room nice and



Holiday shoppers enjoy the decorations at Tower City.

tidy, so it's something she will be thankful for year round!

After shopping for the family, Noel has to buy gifts for a whole bunch of friends. Compact discs and cassettes are nice gifts that don't cost much. Movies like "Dumb and Dumber," "The Santa Claus," and "Cinderella" can be found for as low as \$12.

Book stores are having a lot of sales this time of year, so maybe a novel by a top-selling author or a book about a favorite celebrity would make a great gift.

Calendars and mugs are always popular gifts of the Christmas season. Noel also gets the idea of filling a basket with odds and ends from the Dollar Store.

Of course, taking a friend out for dinner can be a great gift and way to spend time together. Make it some place nice but not terribly expensive, like Pizzeria Uno's, TGI Friday's or Chi-Chi's restaurants.

Christmas shopping can be a drag, or at least an expensive occurrence. But, as Noel found out, you can still afford to get yourself a gift if you are a smart shopper.

## Campus Spotlight



Claus, Santa

**Hometown:** O-Zone depletion red zone #1

**Occupation:** Toy distributor

**Hot babe:** Mrs. Claus

**Favorite co-worker:** Rudolph

**Occupational Hazard:** Paper cuts from opening mail

**Favorite technological development of the '90's:** E-mail, "Now I don't have to open as many darn letters!"

**Favorite impersonator:** Tim Allen

**Life philosophy:** Don't jump down a chimney without checking for a fire.

**Encounter with someone else famous:** Michael Jackson wanted a sleigh ride

**Favorite Christmas special:** A Charlie Brown Christmas

**Least favorite Christmas special:** Kenny and Dolly: A Christmas to Remember

**Worst Enemy:** The Grinch

**Favorite Christmas tune:** "Santa Claus is Coming To Town," Bruce Springsteen

**If I weren't Santa Claus, I would be:** Brad Pitt

**Instead of cookies and milk, leave me:** money

**I look most like \_\_\_\_\_ at JCU:**

James Magner, professor of English

**Something I never say in front of Mrs. Claus:** "Ho Ho Ho, I'm home!"

**What makes me different from all those other Santa Clauses:**

When you pull on my beard, it doesn't come off!

**New Year's Resolution:** Contact Tommy Lasorda about that slim fast diet plan.

**Favorite Holiday:** Halloween

**What I want for Christmas:**

New pajamas with reindeer on them

## More to Christmas than caroling in Cleveland

**Tom O'Konowitz**

Staff Reporter

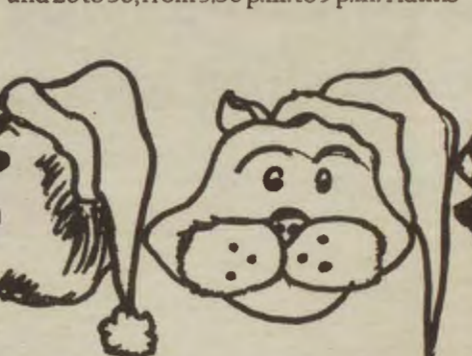
The arrival of December at John Carroll University means several things to students. The major vacation of the academic year is just about to begin, and the holiday season is in full effect. For many classes, major assignments are approaching deadlines, and the dreaded finals week is approaching quickly.

This time of the year may be the most stressful for a great deal of students. It is for that reason that everyone should try to take a break and get involved with the holiday season.

Although JCU offers many holiday activities such as caroling, and Christmas Carroll Eve, it might be beneficial to get away from campus. The greater Cleveland area offers a variety of activities that one can participate in.

The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will again be hosting its Holiday Lights Festival.

Features include thousands of lights, animated displays, animals, model railroad displays, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and other nightly entertainment. The festival will be open the evenings of Dec. 8 to 10, 15 to 23, and 26 to 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$4.



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Seats are still available for the Cleveland Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker*. The very popular show, which runs through the end of December, is held at the State Theatre on

Playhouse Square. Tickets may be purchased by calling 241-6000.

The Great Lakes Theatre Festival's annual presentation of the Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, is running through Christmas Eve at the Ohio Theatre, Playhouse Square. Ticket prices begin at \$19 and may be purchased at the box office.

The Cleveland Orchestra with choral ensembles will be performing seasonal songs Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. The world famous orchestra will perform at Severance Hall in Cleveland. Tickets begin at \$20 and may be purchased by calling 231-1111.

Local radio station, 107.9 "The End," will present its "Almost-Acoustic Christmas Show" on Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at the Odeon. Del Amitri, Jewel and Jehovah's Witnesses will all be performing. Admission is \$5, and food donations for the Cleveland Food Bank will be accepted. In return, the station will be giving away commemorative holiday shirts.

Of course, downtown Cleveland itself offers a great deal of seasonal entertainment. Public Square and its immediate area are known for their great holiday lights and displays. Once again, ice skating on public Square will be open to the public. The rink is open every night until 10 p.m. Additionally, skating clubs will perform at various times on the ice.

Information on skating or nightly Public

## Naughty or nice, here's what JCU students want this Christmas

The Christmas season is upon us and we are all busy preparing for the holiday festivities. This includes making out those wonderful Christmas lists to send to Mom and Dad in hopes of receiving all that we desire. So what do Carroll students want this Christmas? There are all the usual responses of money, clothing and "my two front teeth" (mostly desired by rugby players), but here are a few ideas that you may not have thought of:

1. Mary Jo Marcellus, sophomore: Monet poster
2. Eric Langenseld, freshman: a Les Paul guitar
3. Matthew Kremser, junior: the Browns to stay in Cleveland
4. Aaron Marinelli, sophomore: the Beatles' Anthology
5. Laura Ebinger, sophomore: one way ticket to Jamaica
6. Jonathon Boston, senior: graduating from JCU on time
7. Missy Mager, senior: a big fluffy dog
8. Kelly Dick, junior: lots of snow so that I can build a snowman
9. Joy Buckley, freshman: a new car
10. Jim Myers, sophomore: an 'A' in Dr. Welki's stats class
11. Pam Coyne, junior: a blanket and socks
12. Kelly Pritchard, senior: the Steelers to go to the Superbowl
13. Laura Cszimar, senior: a maid for the house with the red door
14. Katie Schenk, junior: the lawsuit for negligent driving against me to end
15. Angie Spitalieri, freshman: later visitation hours
16. Dan Hegler, freshman: his girlfriend wrapped up in a box

Information compiled by Colleen Dugan

Square activities is available by calling the Holiday Hotline at 623-6393.

Through Christmas week, The Avenue at Tower City will present special seasonal entertainment. Lisa Bell and Company Musical stage shows will be held during the days on weekends. Tower City's toy soldier will also perform on weekends.

The legendary Cleveland storyteller, Mr. Jingling, also can be seen each weekend. Finally, the Cleveland Institute of Music will hold special performances at the Avenue.

As stress and monotony build up around deadlines and finals, getting away from campus and normal hangouts may be just the remedy. Something magical about the holiday season always seems to cheer people up. In the Cleveland area, there are more than enough opportunities for students to experience the holidays.





The Carroll Community is celebrating its  
**28th Annual Christmas Carroll Evening**  
**Saturday, Dec. 9**

**8 p.m.**

**Enjoy an Old Fashion Music Extravaganza featuring the John Carroll Concert Choir and Concert Band in Kulas Auditorium. Reception in the Kulas lobby to follow.**

**10:15 p.m.**

**Christmas Address and Annual Christmas Tree lighting at Rodman Hall to be followed by caroling around the Quad.**

For those students whose residence hall rooms face the Quad, please turn your radio and/or stereo to 88.7 (WUJC) and face your speakers toward the Quad.

**11 p.m.**

**Community Mass at Gesu Church**

**Midnight**

**Breakfast with Santa at Schott Dining Hall**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**from Student Activities Office, Residence Hall**  
**Association and Phi Alpha Chi**





# From the Gut...

## The final chapter



**From the sidelines to the headlines, it's the memories that matter most**

**Randy Loeser**  
Staff Reporter

I am a lucky person. For the past three years, *The Carroll News* has given me the opportunity to write sports. On top of that, I was fortunate enough to be able to work 4 1/2 years with Chris Wenzler in John Carroll's Sports Information Department. In that time, aside from gaining valuable experience, I have also been associated with some great people, covered extraordinary teams, and heard wonderful stories. In December, I hopefully will graduate (please have mercy on me, my professors, or else I will make your lives hell...just kidding). To say that this hasn't had an impact on my life would definitely be an understatement. Being associated with the athletic department has laid the foundation for a lot of who I am.

Although I could fill this entire paper with stories about some of the teams, athletes, and coaches who have had an impact in my memories, I know my two greatest of JCU came on same day, November 12, 1994.

The first was with Carroll's volleyball team. I had asked my editors if I could have the volleyball beat, since I thought they had the best chance of winning on the national level, plus I had crushes on five or six of the players. It turned out I was right, well, at least partially. Although they were the best team, I didn't get any dates, but that's beside the point.

Anyway, JCU was playing in the second game of the NCAA regional playoffs against their bitter rival, Ohio Northern. Northern had Carroll's number all season, but you wouldn't know it by watching the Streaks that day. They were a loose bunch. None were as loose as the coach, Gretchen Weitbrecht.

It was about an hour before game time, and as the players came out of the locker room, I could sense they were becoming more nervous than usual. They had a right to be; it was the biggest game in the school's 24 year volleyball history. Weitbrecht walked over to one of the coolers, pulled out three oranges, and with the savvy of a circus clown, began to juggle. I could not believe what I saw, but her methods worked, so I knew not to question.

What happened next was magical. Down 14-6 in game three the Streaks mounted an incredible comeback to rally and win. I don't think I ever got caught-up in such excitement. That group never quit; they believed in each other, in the system, and most importantly

in themselves. All it took was someone to juggle an orange or two or do something out of the ordinary. That is something Weitbrecht does for her teams everyday, that little extra.

When we got back to Carroll that evening, we were summoned to the Blue-Gold Room in the athletic department. We had learned that the football team had beaten B-W to gain a share of the OAC crown, their first since 1989. For me, this was special for two reasons.

When I got to the room, the coaches, their families, and some of the players were celebrating. Sitting in the corner of the room was John Browne, a senior defensive tackle. For all of the people associated with the football team, probably none savored the championship more than Browne.

Browne transferred to John Carroll after two years at Ohio University. By the time Browne was a senior, he was 25 years old, playing on bad knees and contemplating quitting football. But Browne was driven by a single goal, to win a championship.

All season Browne talked about being a winner. He had played football since he was in grade school, first at St. Ann's, then at Benedictine High School, then at OU. But all those years and no championship. He looked at all those years as failure and never realized all the good he had accomplished. It was great to walk into that room and see Browne, relaxed and relieved, truly now a winner in his own mind.

My two best friends, Dan Winterich and John Browne, were also members of the team. I knew of the total dedication they had, the love for their teammates and the quest to achieve a common goal. Both receivers, Dan and John took different paths to this success, but they achieved it together and with the team. They, along with many of the players, went out of their way to make sure I felt like I was a part of the team. I know quite a few people who had the same experience. This was such a special group.

It is sad to me that this all will end. But it was also nice to be able to be the eyes and ears for some of JCU's sports. It was great to listen to these people talk about their accomplishments and commiserate in their failures; it was more about the heart of these athletes and coaches that made the difference. These are the feelings that should make all of us feel lucky. This is what is so great about college sports. I am able to leave John Carroll with not only an education and diploma, but 4 1/2 years of great memories.

# Backbone and character prevail in win

## Rebounding edge major concern heading into OAC's

**Erik Boland**  
Staff Reporter

In the Ohio Athletic Conference, it's difficult to label one victory bigger than another, but the John Carroll Men's basketball team had to feel good about exorcising some old demons by beating Muskingum 78-66 last Saturday.

It wasn't easy. Last year the Blue Streaks lost by 31 to the Muskies and on Saturday, they looked to be headed down a familiar road, trailing early, 24-9. But there was no quit in this year's team as they fought back to take a 37-36 half-time lead.

"We brought some guys in off the bench like Joey Bigler and Mark Heidorf," said starting small forward J.J. Richardson. "They picked up the intensity on defense. David Pfundstein [starting point guard] really got everyone going on the defensive end and that was what won it." Bigler ended the game 4 of 6 from the field with three of the shots landing from three point country.

Bigler has had a topsy-turvy career as a Blue Streak. As a freshman, he was one of the leading three-point shooters in the conference, but last year, Bigler struggled and almost fell completely out of the rotation. However, the touch has returned this season as Bigler is shooting 52% from the floor and 55% from outside the three point arc.

"Last year was not a great year for me, it just started off bad" Bigler

said. "This year, I shot pretty well [at the Carnegie-Mellon Tournament], I hit three threes in a row and this last game, I was shooting the ball well. I think I've gotten off to a good start which gives me the confidence."



Joey Bigler (11) takes it strong to the basket.

Bigler, Ryan Eskridge, and Ryan Tyson each hit from long range to put the Blue Streaks (4-1, 1-0 in OAC) back in the game. Tyson's three gave John Carroll its first lead of the game at 37-35 with just under a minute to go in the half.

"Being up a point at half-time after being down that much was big," Richardson said. "It would have been great to go in down five or two points or even tied. But to go in with the lead, mentally that was huge." Richardson played much of the game in foul trouble,

but still led the team with 20 points, hitting 8 of 14 shots from the floor, including a pair of three pointers.

For coach Mike Moran, the victory symbolized something special about the team. "It showed us as coaches that we have kids with backbone and character," he said, "during a season, you're going to find yourself behind and there's two ways to go. Losing [for this team] wasn't acceptable."

Rebounding had been a concern heading into the OAC season for Moran, but on Saturday, the Muskies were outclassed and out hustled on the glass. John Carroll out rebounded Muskingum 36-19, including 14-6 on the offensive end. Artie Taylor tallied seven of the offensive boards. Center Jeffrey Sesplankis led the team with nine total rebounds.

After last night's game against Mount Union, the Blue Streaks travel to another hostile arena, The Rike Center, to play Otterbein. The Cardinals were ranked number one in the OAC by the media in pre-season. As of press time, they're 1-0 in the conference after dumping Hiram 72-51 last weekend.

"The crowd is on you constantly from the time you step out to warm up to the time the game's over," said Richardson. "I think this will test where we really are as a team and what we can achieve this year."

"Otterbein's a good team. Kelly McClure [an Otterbein guard], I know from personal experience, is very difficult to guard," Bigler said. "Personally, I like playing at Otterbein, I like their gym, I think it's a shooter's gym. It's a fun place to play. They get a lot of support. But I think we go down there with some confidence, and knowing they're a good team, we're going to be ready to play."

Moran says his team always seems to be ready for Otterbein. "They're probably a more well rounded team than any other in the OAC," Moran said. "But we've always played them well. When they [JCU] see those red uniforms, they get a little fire in their eyes."

## Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence

### College of Arts and Sciences

#### John Carroll University

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM JANUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 23, 1996, for the Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence.** Nominations should include a statement and/or documentation that the nominee has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the *College of Arts and Sciences* in such areas as: model classroom teaching, campus leadership on teaching issues, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development and/or instructional support. The award will be presented at the faculty meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences during the fall term.

Nominations should include a letter of nomination; letters from at least three John Carroll University students who have taken at least one class with the nominee; and letters from two faculty colleagues. Also, letters of support from alumni would be welcome. Nominations should be submitted to the Office of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, no later than **Friday, February 23, 1996.**



# Santa, postpone Christmas 'til October

Jude Killy

Staff Reporter

Dear Santa;

Every year around this time I come to you. Like millions of others, old and young, I ask for special gifts. It has only been in recent years that I have begun to ask for worldly things — peace, harmony, love and happiness for all. We certainly need all of the above. But this year I want to ask you for something else, too.

Santa, on Christmas day in the Killy household, I don't want you to place delicately wrapped gifts under the tree with my name on them. I don't want you to stuff my stocking full of sweet chocolates or new AA batteries. I want one thing. I don't want something tangible, nothing I can hold in my hand, or gobble in a day.

I am willing to return some of the gifts I've received in past for this year's gift. Those boots weren't so hot from last year. No offense. Or how about that horrid stocking stuffer, the dreaded videotape?

I have found something that will cure millions' problems, creating peace, love and healing the heartache of millions. (Dan DeLue

will agree.) It will cause great good. There is a catch, however, a stipulation.

"I would like you to deliver the gift in October. That's right Santa, I would like the Chicago Cubs to win the World Series in 1996. After years of asking, I think you are starting to see the light. After all, the Cleveland Indians even made it to the Series last season. You have showed me great hope. Plus, I know you were instrumental in ending the strike that broke the hearts of all baseball purists. You have shown your power.

Think about what this would mean.

To begin with, the city of Chicago would go crazy. This is a town that hasn't seen a real baseball champion (the Cubs) win a World Series since 1908. (Let me remind you that the Cubs were dominant in the early 1900s, winning the Series back-to-back in '07 and '08. They also made appearances in the Classic in 1906 and 1910.) The last time they were truly blessed with your graces, was 1945, when they won the National League and then lost to the Detroit Tigers in the Series.

You can see that this is a city in need of a winner. I haven't even considered ill-timed trades (Lou Brock, Lee Smith, Rafael Palmeiro, etc, etc, etc,) or blown opportunities (1969, 1984 and 1989, N.L. East Champs in '84 and '89).

America would also rejoice. America roots for the underdog. For you to give the Cubs a World Series in 1996 would align with your philosophy of going with the underdog. Heck, you know that. Rudolph now leads your sleigh every year after being shunned by every one, and every shut out of every game, when he was young.

The only potential downside to this whole deal would be all of the elves that would be laid off for lack of gifts to make. Fortunately, I have already taken the little guys and gals into consideration. We can make this a positive. Why not give them all three weeks paid vacation to spend time with their families? Surely they would come back ready to work, stress free.

I think I need to make one thing clear to you, though. I know the Cubs can win it all. I would just hate to see them do so without your help. Wouldn't you want to

be part of the greatest gift ever given?

I can see the components in place right now; the pitching staff is nice and young with some good, live arms in players like Kevin Foster. The outfield is one of the best in baseball with all-around players like rightfielder Sammy (Say it Ain't) Sosa and centerfielder Brian McCrae.

And, how about that infield? There are some of the best position players in the game today like free-agent first-baseman Mark Grace. I know all Cub fans owe you great thanks for bringing back the greatest second-baseman to ever play the game, Ryne Sandberg, out of retirement (You see Carlos, he can catch.)

So Santa, let me leave you with this little Christmas ditty that I wrote: On Sanchez on Sandberg on Zeile, let all of our off-season injuries heal; on Foster on Servais, Myers and Navarro, give us a power hitter and an ace pitcher tomorrow; on Dunston on Sosa, Bullet, Timmons and Grace, let the Cubs finish 1996 in the front of the race. Thank you. Go Cubs.

Love, Jude

## Winter Break Sports Schedules

**Men's Basketball**— Dec: 8, MOUNT UNION; 9 at Otterbein; 16, CAPITAL; 27-28 at Centre Tournament. Jan: 3 at Hiram; 6, MARIETTA; 10, HEIDELBERG; 13 at Ohio Northern.

**Women's Basketball**— Dec: 9, OTTERBEIN; 16 at Capital; 29, NOTRE DAME COLLEGE. Jan: 2, HIRAM; 6 at Marietta; 9 at Heidelberg; 13, OHIONORTHERN.

**Swimming (Men and Women)** — Dec./Jan.: Training in Deerfield Beach, Florida; Exhibition meet. Jan: 15 at Case Western Reserve.

**Wrestling** — Dec: 8-9 at Ohio Northern Tournament; 28-29 at Florida College Duals in Orlando, Florida. Jan: 12-13 at Division III National Duals, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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Notre Dame v. Florida State	Notre Dame	Florida State	Notre Dame
Nebraska v. Florida	Nebraska	Florida	Florida

Streaks of the Week

**Peggy Dempsey**  
Senior  
Dempsey was JCU's top scorer at the Depauw Invitational held in Greencastle, IN last weekend. She captured first place in the 100-yard fly, second in the 200-yard free and 500-yard free and third in the 800-yard free relay to help the JCU swimmers to a third-place overall finish.

**Justin Kerr**  
Sophomore  
Kerr was one of only three wrestlers to manage a victory against Cleveland State last week. Kerr pinned Brian Sashko, after only 50 seconds in the third period, to grab six of JCU's 12 team points. The loss dropped the Blue Streak's overall record to 1-1.

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## Swimmers shaping up for OAC foes

Women capture third; men take fourth at Depauw Invite

**Stephanie Fox**  
Staff Reporter

Last Friday and Saturday, the men's and women's swim teams traveled to Depauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. The women's team finished third out of six teams, and the men came in fifth.

The men's team was led by juniors Matt Olver and Jeff Juergens, last season's Co-Most Valuable Swimmers at the 1995 Ohio Athletic Conference Championships.

Juergens finished second overall and was the Streaks top scorer with 53 points. He finished first in both the 500-yard free and the 1650-yard free with times of 4:53.42 and 16:57.03 respectively.

"I didn't know what kind of competition to expect," Juergens stated, "but we really did good as a team."

Olver took third in the 400-yard IM with a time of 4:26.01. Olver also joined with Jay Donato, Rob Morris, and Adam Samko to place fifth in the 400-yard medley relay at 3:58.68.

"Overall, we had many good swims," Morris stated. "Everyone was pretty pleased."

Senior Peggy Dempsey led the women's team with 54 points, placing fourth overall in the invitational. Dempsey took first place in the 100-yard fly with a time of 1:04.35 and second in both the 200-yard free with a time of 2:00.75 and the 500-yard free, finishing at 5:17.63.

The other women's champion was junior Roslyn Valentino in the 100-yard breast. She finished at the 1:15.38 mark which was good for first place.

"I was pleased with my performance overall," Valentino said, "the team has been working really hard and we came through with very good times last weekend."

The diving team competed at Wabash College last weekend and were just as successful. Junior Frank D'Angelo took first place in the 1-meter competition and second in the 3-meter. With his success in the 3-meter competition,

D'Angelo qualified for the Division III Championships for the third consecutive season.

Chuck Aquino finished seventh in the 1-meter and 3-meter for the Streaks. For the women's diving team, freshman Julie Randles finished third in the 3-meter event and fourth in the 1-meter.

With the Cleveland Colleges Meet Tuesday at Cleveland State University, and the Florida trip over Christmas break, the swim teams look to fine tune their performances for the upcoming OAC meets in late January.

"Everyone is working hard," said Morris. "It's going to be a 'dog fight', but if we keep doing what we are doing everything will fall into place."

Juergens thinks the next few meets will be a good indicator of what is to come. "[The OAC meet] is not going to be as easy as the past few years. We'll have a better idea of where we stand after a few dual meets."

## Women's hoops splits at Bluffton Invite

**Kevin Bachman**  
Staff Reporter

John Carroll University women's basketball coach Carol Dugan says she likes her team to have to play a tough non-conference schedule before opening the Ohio Athletic Conference play. If the last 2 weeks are any indication, the Streaks are ready for what the OAC has to offer.

The Streaks spent last weekend at the Bluffton Tournament where they dropped the opener 87-49 to Shawnee State.

Dugan said that while Shawnee State is an excellent program, her team could have played much better.

"We did not play nearly the game that we are capable of playing," Dugan said. "Our transition game was not very good, and you're not going to beat too many teams when you're shooting less than 30%."

Carroll was able to rebound the next night and defeat Albion 80-

73. As always, Dugan said, the Streaks won with good defense and the opportune play off the bench.

"To come back and win the next day says a lot about these kids," Dugan said.

Junior center Deana Bahhur did not play over the weekend because of a possible stress fracture in her leg. Right now, she says, it has been diagnosed as shin splints, but she played Tuesday night against Mt. Union in Alliance.

"I'm not supposed to play until I get my bone scan results back," Bahhur said. "I'm in a little bit of pain, but it is shin splints until they diagnose it as something else."

Dugan said that learning how to play without Bahhur was a tough hurdle over the weekend.

"I think the younger kids have to believe in their ability and stay together as a team," Dugan said. "It was obvious how it affected the team, and it takes some time to get that back."

If JCU does have to play without Bahhur, it will switch to a smaller lineup and rotate players in the middle.

For now, freshman forward Erin Biehle, who is averaging 12.5 points per game and sophomore forward Molly Brenlove (8.7 ppg) will see more time in the middle.

Dugan said she will also rotate junior guard Bridget Jordan, junior forward Megan Campbell and freshman forward Anjie Chet in the post to help out.

If Bahhur does have to take a seat on the bench, the Lady Streaks will look for help from senior Bridgette Moran, 12.2 ppg, and sophomore Kris Mihalic, 11.2 ppg, in the backcourt.

Mihalic said the rest of team will have to step it up, but they are more than capable of picking up where Bahhur left off.

"Deana's a key to our team, and having her out hurts us," Mihalic said. "Hopefully Erin [Biehle], Meg [Campbell], Molly [Brenlove] will all fill in."

Note: On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the men and women competed against Cleveland State, B-W, and Case Western at Cleveland State as they both captured second place.

## Lack of experience disables wrestlers against CSU

Blue Streaks sends five placemen back to Ohio Northern Invitational

**Steven Colalanni**  
Staff Reporter

Inexperience caught up with the John Carroll University wrestling team as the Blue Streaks dropped their dual meet with Division I rival, Cleveland State, 28-12.

The JCU line-up once again featured seven freshmen and sophomores, and just four wrestlers who competed in last year's 22-11 victory over the Vikings. Without the services of injured seniors Jason Kessen and J.J. Huszczo, the Streaks managed only three victories.

Highlighting the Streaks' attack was sophomore Justin Kerr, who won at 158 pounds by pinning the Vikings' Brian Sashko. At 118 pounds, sophomore Javier Reveron won by a 4-2 score and junior Jimmie Lake won his heavy-weight match by a score of 5-0.

"This was a young team that we fielded, and they made the kind of mistakes that you associate with that kind of inexperience," coach

Kerry Volkman said. "It is always a great learning experience for us to wrestle Cleveland State each year, and I am grateful to their program for continuing to provide us this opportunity."

Friday afternoon JCU will hit the mat in Ada, Ohio at the Ohio Northern Invitational. The Streaks finished fourth in the 13-team competition last year, and five placemen from last year's squad are scheduled to compete Friday.

Kessen, who has been sidelined this year with wrist and knee injuries, will not be in action at Ohio Northern. Fellow senior Andy Worst will also be out of the line-up Friday due to a

staff infection. Huszczo, who has battled a knee injury this season, is questionable for Friday's competition.

The Streaks will get their first look at the rest of the OAC on Friday. In the first Division III Coaches Top 25 Poll, JCU was ranked 18th, while OAC foes Mount Union (6th) and Ohio Northern (13th) also received notice.

Reveron, who placed fifth at last year's tourney, believes the Streaks need to make a strong showing in Ada.

"We have to show that we are aggressive enough to compete in the OAC," Reveron said. "We need to show that John

Carroll is doing what it takes to get the job done. Lack of depth was a problem against Cleveland

State, and we weren't physical enough to win the match. We need to stop making so many mental mistakes."

Kerr echoed Reveron's belief that the Streaks need to raise their level of competition.

"We need to step it up and be focused on every match," said Kerr. "We will continue to improve throughout the year, and I think we will do very well at Ohio Northern. We are going to have the entire team [at Ohio Northern], and hopefully we will win the tournament with a combined team effort."

Over the semester break, the JCU grapplers will travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in the Florida College Duals on December 29-30.

"The true John Carroll wrestling team will appear in Florida," Kerr said. "We will get a real indication of how good we are because we will enter competition with a completely healthy team."

**"We need to show  
[we are] doing  
what it takes to  
get the job done."**

Javier Reveron



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## Editorial

# A time to remember

Where were you when...

O.J. Simpson attempted to try on the famous (bloody) glove(s), that he claimed did not fit him... Simpson was found not guilty, proving that racism is still very much a problem, domestic violence is a problem that many people choose to ignore, and that we must all question the media's role in the judicial process... Susan Smith admitted her terrifying tale, that she lied, and had in fact murdered her own children, displaying how wrong this country was to rally around her original carjacking story... The **Menendez Brothers'** (accused of murdering their parents) trial ended in a hung jury... The **Federal Government** shut down, putting thousands of people temporarily out of work... Disastrous **hurricanes** ripped through parts of the U.S. and other countries... **Bob Packwood's** diaries became a matter of public record, hopefully ending his years spent sexually harassing women... **Divorce in Ireland** was legalized, making Chile the last Western country to still ban it... The **Pope** visited the U.S... **Jerry Garcia** died... The **Unabomber's Manifesto** was published in *The Washington Post*... The **Oklahoma City** Federal building was bombed, showing how quickly our nation can pull together in the face of tragedy... More than 35,000 women from all over the world gathered together in Beijing, China, for the fourth **International Women's Conference**, where women from all nations learned they must unite in order for any of them, or their countries, to advance... **Cal Ripken Jr.** broke Lou Gehrig's record for the most consecutive Major League Baseball games played... **Welfare** was once again a hot political topic, stirring up debate everywhere... The **Clintons** were questioned about the **Whitewater** scandal... **Hugh Grant** was arrested for soliciting a prostitute... **Ireland** declared a cease-fire, ending years of fighting... **President Clinton** became the first U.S. president to speak in Ireland in many years... **Abortion center** bombings and attacks dramatically increased in number... The **baseball strike** shortened this year's baseball season... Clinton decided to send U.S. troops to **Bosnia**... The **Beatles** released their anthology... **Louis Farrakhan** led 800,000 black men on his **Million Man March** in Washington, D.C., proclaiming himself a leader for all black people, while at the same time banning women from the march... **Quebec** tried to secede from the rest of Canada, failing to do so by only a small percentage of votes... Randy Weaver's wife and son were "accidentally" shot and killed by FBI agents at **Ruby Ridge**... The **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum** opened after years of planning, helping Cleveland to build up its reputation... Owner Art Modell announced that he was moving the Cleveland football team to Baltimore, making them the "**Baltimore Browns**"... Israeli Prime Minister **Yitzhak Rabin** was assassinated just minutes after delivering a speech on his hope for peace...

Believe it or not, all of these events, plus many more, happened in 1995. So much tragedy and turmoil, all in one year. Hopefully, we will all take the time to remember once in a while, so that we can learn from past, to help the future.



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## HITS & misses

**HIT:** The large turnout at Christmas Formal. **miss:** The music at Christmas Formal. **miss(ing):** The Carroll Quarterly this semester. **HIT:** The JCU Carrollers who went to an assisted living home Sunday night. **HIT:** The last week of classes is almost over. **miss:** Finals... happy studying! **HIT:** Everyone gets a nice break from studying Saturday night with Christmas Carroll Eve... don't miss it. **HIT:** The Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Itamar Rabinovich, speaking at JCU. **miss:** The lack of local media at Rabinovich's lecture. **miss:** The fact that the federal government could be shutting down again on Dec. 15, and no one knows about it. **HIT:** We're all going home soon... enjoy your four weeks off.

## Commentary: Peace, oxymorons, self-control and shopping

*It's not a mushy holiday rambling, really.*

Peace be with you.  
It seems like a simple concept. It's on Christmas cards. It's said in church or temple.



Melissa A. Tilk  
Editor-in-Chief

Plus, isn't that what this season's about?

Really, this isn't another trite, mushy holiday rambling.

I promise.

It did occur to me, though, that these holidays falling around the end of the yearly calendar center around peace. Peace of the mind, soul, body and probably wallet.

Finding a personal peace inside yourself is an especially important development in maturity. With various stresses swirling about, being able to return to a sense

of calmness within oneself plays an increasingly stronger role.

From my perspective, this is an exercise in self-control that we get more proficient at with age.

Peace with yourself means you know your battles — you know how to prioritize and choose what's important in life.

Is that peace?

During December, maybe one of those important things in life is shopping.

In that case, crazed shoppers lose all concept of the peace principle the moment they tear into the parking lot.

I've encountered the nastiest people in recent shopping. It seems as though they're taking out their anxiety and stress on unsuspecting targets.

Searching for that perfect gift for that special someone is supposed to be fun, in theory.

Is that peace?

Putting personal pet peeves aside, peace, in theory and practice, seems to be growing across the globe. The signing of a peace agreement in Dayton, Ohio appeared encouraging.

Yet, the idea of a peace-keeping mission is an oxymoron. Sending soldiers into a hostile situation to promote peace? I can't think of any peace found in guns and threats.

Is that peace?

The season of peace thrives on the reality of confusion. But, peace itself doesn't.

Peace is not a season. Peace is something achieved within the heart. It confronts confusion, melting it to nothingness. Perhaps that's what is meant by turning "weapons into plowshares."

I wish you the peace of this season in the hope that it takes root in this world where confusion reigns.



## letters to the editor

**More faculty and student reaction to article on assault**

I was shocked and appalled at the actions taken by JCU and by the CN regarding the JCU student who was assaulted three weeks ago.

First off, she was not asked if her story, which she told in confidence, should be published, and she was not told that fliers were going to be put all over campus "notifying" everyone about her attack. This experience was very painful for her and her friends. We are still coping. Do you have any idea what it is like seeing these "fliers" everywhere you go for a walk or to the bathroom? It's like a constant reminder of everything we went through.

Several parts of the newspaper article were offensive and insensitive. No one has the right to know the date it happened. The article could have just said recently because several of her friends, whom she hasn't told yet, are going to associate bruises with the date and know she was the victim. The CN was wrong. Victims deserve confidentiality and privacy. They should be the ones who tell their friends when they are ready, not some newspaper.

I think it was wrong to include that she was "sexually" assaulted. This was such a horrendous crime. The public needs to know that they have to be careful, but again we must respect the victim's privacy. Due to this article, not only did people figure out who the victim was, but also that she was sexually assaulted. How cruel to make those who have suffered enough already suffer even more with more stares and more gossip.

Throughout the article the author keeps reminding us that the details were unavailable and that they would try to keep us informed. The details were unavailable because the police, the school, and her friends, who respect her, are trying to keep her privacy. The school needs to know it happened, but they don't need the specific details when she and her friends haven't even dealt with them yet.

I agree that the public must be warned and being this serious, we should have had some mandatory floor meetings, not articles and fliers floating around campus. There is a difference between warning the public and invading one's privacy. This incident just happened. The pain is still very real. I cannot believe that the school and this newspaper were so insensitive. I think the victim and her friends deserve an apology.

Still, this is a terrible situation, so please be careful about going out by yourself, because it could happen to you!

Siegmund F. Fuchs  
Class of 1999

If we lived in a perfect world, men and women could safely be out anytime anywhere, day or night. Unfortunately original sin (even though it may be politically incorrect to mention) enters into our real world and consequently young and old, men and women, must sometimes use common sense and take precautionary measures.

I don't think that one can infer from what was stated in Lauren Bowen's letter (in the Nov. 30 CN) that a woman should not be out late at night, but maybe that she should not walk alone. While the statistic quoted that 75 percent of women are sexually assaulted by someone they know and in their own home, I don't think that you want us to deduce that women should only let strangers into their

house. Also, there is no mention made of what role alcohol played in these assaults.

Obviously women cannot prevent all assaults, but without a doubt the number could be reduced by taking certain precautions.

Don't we tell young children not to talk to strangers, let them in the house, or take a ride from them? And don't we give them instructions on what information to give over the phone when an adult is not there? Aren't there certain places where we as adults don't feel safe traveling? Wouldn't we as adults be remiss if we did not warn young people about the dangers of specific behaviors?

It is our collective duty to work toward ending rape, war, abortion, violence, poverty, ignorance, etc., and no one has suggested individual women stay home after dark. But take reasonable precautions and safety measures to hopefully assure your safety.

What "adjustments should men make if we need to eradicate sexual assault?" Maybe I am naive, but I do not believe that the majority of men are potential rapists.

Also, I did not get the idea that anyone was proposing a curfew for possible victims (Jennifer Burke's letter, Nov. 30 CN). Instead, I think that while condemning the wrong and violent behavior of the assailant (and working to change it), we have to realistically look at the world we live in and act accordingly to protect our well being.

Maryanne Lutjen  
Alumni Secretary

**The CN: Losing touch with news of the "real world"?**

It is not uncommon for college students to lose touch with the "real" world, and if that is the case with JCU, the CN must take some responsibility. In the Nov. 16 issue, there is not a single mention, or explanation of the recent budget debates between President Clinton and the Republicans. Liberals and conservatives don't agree on much, but there is wide recognition that we are living in historic times. The national government had closed for over a week, marking the longest shutdown in history.

Is this just politics as usual? Not really. This is a debate about what the national government should be doing, and is likely to effect our lives for the next several decades.

Republicans argue that it is cruel to spend more than we have, leaving a massive debt to future generations. Democrats argue that current government programs are more im-

portant than balancing the government budget.

It is tempting to suggest that this government deadlock proves that our system of government is severely flawed. Actually, this confrontation proves the opposite is true.

When our founding fathers conceived the world's first modern democracy, the balance of power was intended to produce extensive debate, legislative compromise, and gradual change. Our system is operating as designed. During this profound debate about the role of the federal government, our leaders are debating more or less amicably, the military continues their normal duties, financial markets are hitting all time highs, and people peacefully go about their business.

This historical political debate may not be as exciting as discussions on Chief Wahoo, or reports from the latest alumni breakfast, but the CN should at least make some effort to help inform the JCU community.

Rick Nestoff  
Graduate Studies

**Women's Volleyball coach thanks JCU for team support**

On behalf of the Women's Volleyball team, I would like to extend a thank you to the entire student body for their support and enthusiasm during our national quarterfinal match last Saturday against California Lutheran University. Your presence and cheering created an atmosphere of electricity and excitement. It became one of our most memorable matches of the 1995 season. I hope that your support carries over not only for the next volleyball season, but also for the other athletic teams at Carroll.

Gretchen Weitbrecht  
Volleyball Coach

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**Yeah-heh.** Second floor East guys—all your moms!

Thanks to all you guys for making my last semester a great one! I'll miss you next year—Come visit the home of the world's tallest building ever. Yeah-heh. Love Bubbles.

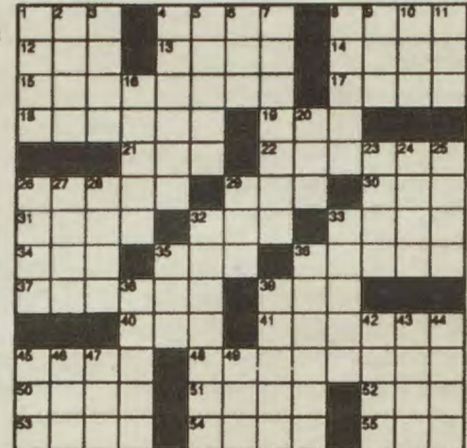
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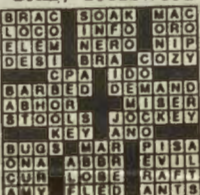
The Crossword

- ACROSS**  
1 Coal compartment  
4 "Dracula" author Stoker  
8 Rain-delay need  
12 Berlin's "What'll —?"  
13 Verdi opera  
14 Hedgepodge  
15 Goldfinger's target  
17 Fourth dimension  
18 Widened  
19 Rocks  
21 Apr. money-grubbers  
22 Oaf  
26 Shrew  
29 Brewery output  
30 "— Mutual Friend"  
31 Sheltered  
32 Peninsula st.  
33 Judy's kid  
34 "And — the opposite shore..."  
35 Prune  
36 Metallic mixture  
37 Fenway squad  
39 Arts deg.  
40 Bat wood  
41 Look the other way  
45 Comfy-cozy  
48 Conforming  
50 Tiny bit  
51 "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"  
52 Kyoto cummerbund  
53 Just say no  
54 TV's Jeannie  
55 On pens.



- DOWN**  
1 One of Willy Loman's sons  
2 Rock star Billy  
3 Mrs. Nick Charles  
4 Scenter of attention?  
5 Watermelon discards  
6 Commotion  
7 Upper jawbone  
8 Family emblem  
9 Mr. Baba  
10 Edge  
11 "The Bells" poet  
16 Nonsense  
20 Prompt  
23 Drudge  
24 Anise-flavored liqueur  
25 The picture of health?  
26 1960s musical  
27 Lotion add-in  
28 Rip  
29 Heidi's height  
32 Private place?  
33 Southwestern plain  
35 — Alamos  
36 Dog or blanket  
38 "What Makes — Run?"  
39 "Please, mein Fraulein!"  
42 Skunk's defense  
43 Judicial raiment  
44 Labyrinth goal  
45 Spitball  
46 Noshed  
47 Movie director Howard  
49 Flushed

Crazy Crossword



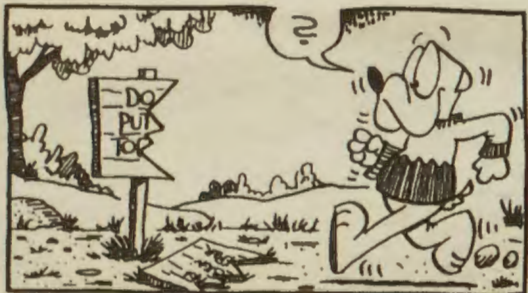
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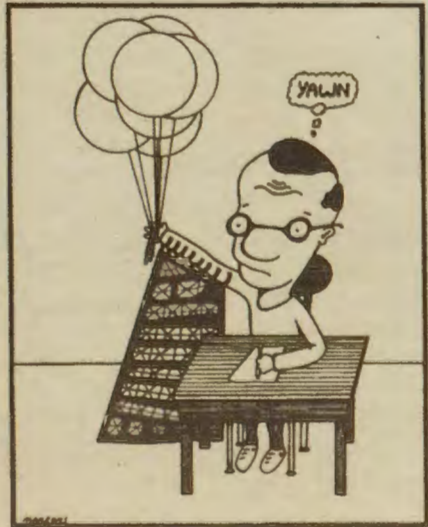
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**OFF THE MARK** By Mark Parisi



**CRACKED CYMBALS** by Michael Slayton



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by Jerry Craft



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by Jeff Pickering

